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TOWN OF BELMONT
NEW HAMPSHIRE



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ANNUAL REPORT

DEDICATION

The Belmont Board of Selectmen are proud to dedicate this Town report, not to a single individual, but to all the Town employees. This has been a great year for the Town and it has been because of their hard work, diligence, and sacrifice. While we have sought to specifically recognize only employees, we understand that much of our success is a result of the work of volunteers and others not listed below. To those other individuals, and you know who you are, this report is also dedicated to you!!!

Albert Akerstrom
Gary G. Boisvert
Luther Brown
Richard A. Bryant
Francis Clairmont
Patricia Clifford
Steven H. Crockett
Candace L. Daigle
James W. Davis
David L. Estes
Wayne E. Ginnow
Frederic J. Greene
Doralyn Harper
Bruce R. Hibbard
Carol A. Lacasse
Norman N. Lacasse
Morman J. Lemay
Mark B. Lewandoski

Brian J. Loanes
Richard Mann
Diane M. Marden
James F. Marden Sr.
Karen A. McCarty
Michael P. McCarty
Elaine M. Murphy
David C. Nielsen
Charles B. O'Connor
Brenda J. Paquette
Theresa D. Ralls
Joanne L. Ricard
Richard K. Siegel
Gerd Stewart
Matthew H. Upton
Lori Ann Walker
Herbert I. Weeks

Belmont Board of Selectmen:
Donna Cilley
Robert Normandin
David Mika

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TOWN OF BELMONT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:	AMBULANCE/MEDICAL AID	524-1545 or 911
	FIRE DEPARTMENT	524-1545 or 911
	POLICE DEPARTMENT	267-6511 or 911

<u>Description</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Assessor's Office	267-8300	Patti Clifford
Astro Waste Services	524-6646	Residential Trash Pick-up
Automobile Registrations	267-8302	Doralyn Harper
Beautification Committee	267-8510	James Woodbury
Budget Committee	267-8300	Diane Marden
Building Inspector	267-8300	Gary Boisvert
Canine Control	267-8350	Police Department
Cemetery Trustees	267-7377	William Ekberg
Civic Profile Steering Committee	267-6782	Kathy Sweeney
Code Enforcement	267-8300	Gary Boisvert
Commissioner to Lakes Region		
Planning Commission	267-6895	Donald Pugh
Conservation Commission	267-8300	Diane Marden
Emergency Management Director	267-8333	Albert Akerstrom III
Fire Department Non-Emergency	267-8333	Albert Akerstrom III
Forest Fire Warden	267-8333	Albert Akerstrom III
General Assistance	267-8300	Donna Cilley
Government Study Committee	267-1676	Alvin Nix, Jr.
Health Department	267-8300	Gary Boisvert
Highway Department	267-8329	Luther Brown
Laconia Transfer Station	528-5822	Permit Required-Town Hall
Library	267-8331	Joanne Ricard
Library Trustees	267-6124	Dawn Kidd
Moderator	528-2263	Steven Fournier
Old Home Day Committee	267-6514	Pat Crockett
Police Department Non-Emergency	267-8350	Lori Walker
Planning Board	267-8300	Candace Daigle
Public Works Committee	524-3096	Kenneth Knowlton
Recreation Commission	267-8424	Robert Court
Schools - Belmont Elementary	267-6568	Office
Belmont High	267-6525	Office
Canterbury Elementary	783-9944	Office
School Board	524-2679	Thomas Goulette
School Treasurer	267-8293	Gerd Stewart
Selectmen	267-8300	Patti Clifford
Shaker Regional School District		
SAU #46	753-6561	Office
Sewer Commission	267-8301	Frank Clairmont
Supervisors of the Checklist	524-7097	Constance Mirski
Tax Collector	267-8302	Doralyn Harper
Town Accountant	267-8300	Brenda Paquette
Town Administrator	267-8300	Matthew Upton
Town Clerk	267-8302	Doralyn Harper
Town Treasurer	267-8300	Gerd Stewart
Trustess of Trust Funds	267-6387	Suzanne Roberts
Water Commission	267-8301	Frank Clairmont
Zoning Board of Adjustment	267-8300	Candace Daigle

Town of Belmont Business Hours

Belmont Town Offices:	Monday through Friday	8:30 a.m.	to	5:00 p.m.
Fire Department:	Monday through Friday	6:00 a.m.	to	4:30 p.m.
Library:	Monday & Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	to	5:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	to	7:30 p.m.
	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	to	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	to	12:00 p.m.

TOWN OF BELMONT LEGAL HOLIDAYS

New Years Day	January 1st
Civil Rights Day	January 20th
President's Day	February 18th
Memorial Day	May 26th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 1st
Columbus Day	October 13th
Veterans Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	November 27th
Christmas Day	December 25th

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Beautification Committee	As Required	
Board of Selectmen	First & Third Wednesday	5:30 PM
Budget Committee (Nov.-March)	Every Tuesday	7:00 PM
Cemetery Trustees	As Required	
Civic Profile Steering Committee	As Required	
Conservation Commission	Third Tuesday	7:00 PM
Fire Department	Second Monday	7:00 PM
Government Study Committee	As Required	
Library Trustees	As Required	
Old Home Day Committee	As Required	
Planning Board (Work Session)	Second Monday	7:00 PM
Planning Board (Public Hearing)	Fourth Monday	7:00 PM
Public Works Committee	As Required	
Recreation Commission	As Required	
Sewer Commission	As Required	
Supervisor of the Checklist	As Required	
Trustees of Trust Funds	As Required	
Water Commission	As Required	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Third Wednesday	7:00 PM

**FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
FIRST COUNCILOR DISTRICT
SECOND STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Judd Gregg of Greenfield
Robert Smith of Tuftonboro

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John Sununu

STATE SENATOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Edward (Ned) Gordon

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

Raymond Burton

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Gordon E. Bartlett of Belmont
James Pilliod of Belmont
John H. Thomas of Belmont

NH STATE GOVERNOR

Jeanne Shaheen

HISTORY OF BELMONT

Granted May 20, 1727, as a part of GILMANTON
Incorporated June 21, 1859 as UPPER GILMANTON
Incorporated June 24, 1869 as BELMONT

Total Area: Land 29.8 square miles
Water 1.6 square miles

Population:	1970 Census	2,493
	1980 Census	4,026
	1990 Census	5,796

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	-Fiscal Year Begins
January 22	-First day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
February 31	-Last day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
March 11	-Annual Town Meeting
March 15	-Annual Town Meeting
March 21	-Annual School District Meeting
March 1	-Last day to file for Veteran's Exemption
March 1	-Last day for qualified persons over 65 to apply for Optional Adjusted Elderly Exemption
March 1	-Last day to file for Abatements for previous years property taxes
April 1	-All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner this date
April 15	-Last day for taxpayers to apply for Current Land Use Assessment RSA 79-A:5,II
July 1	-First half of semi-annual tax billing commences to draw interest at 12%
December 1	-Unpaid real estate and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12%
December 31	-Fiscal year closes

TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Donna J. Cilley, Chrm.	1997
Robert F. Normandin	1998
David Mika	1999

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Ronald Mitchell, Chrm.	1998
Kenneth Knowlton	1998
Ward Peterson	1998
Reginald Caldwell	1999
Norma L. Patten	1999
Gary S. Flack	1997
Steven Fournier	1997
William Jacques	1997
Leslie Roberts	1997
Richard Houle	1997
Romeo Clairmont	1997
Sarah Clement-West	1998
Ward Peterson	1999

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Norma L. Patten	1999
William Ekberg	1998
Robert Richards	1997

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dawn Kidd, Chrm	1999
Frankie Pugh	1997
Lincoln Noel	1998

MODERATOR

Steven Fournier	1998
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PLANNING BOARD

Reginald Caldwell, Chrm.	1997
Gary S. Flack	1999
Helmut Busack	1997
Claude Patten Jr.	1998
Peter Harris	1999
Ward Peterson	1998
David Mika, Select. Rep.	1999

ROAD AGENT

Luther Brown

SCHOOL BOARD

Peter McDonald, Chrm	1997
Thomas Goulette	1997
Robert Lemay	1998
Mary Jo Haney	1998
Thomas Garfield	1999

SCHOOL TREASURER

Gerd Stewart

SEWER COMMISSION

Richard Fournier, Chrm.	1999
Bruce R. Arey	1997
Arthur C. Stewart	1998

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Constance Mirski, Chrm.	1997
Jane W. McLetchie	2002
Audrey A. Ekberg	2001

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Doralyn M. Harper	1998
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TOWN TREASURER

Gerd Stewart	1999
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Suzanne S. Roberts	1999
David R. Caron	1997
Everett W. Bailey	1998

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Gary G. Boisvert

CHIEF OF POLICE

Michael P. McCarty

COMMISSIONER OF THE LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Donald Pugh

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Peter H. Dutile, Chrm.	1999
Fred O. Wheeler Jr.	1999
Kenneth G. DeHart	1998
David Ross	1997
Brian S. Waterson	1998
Robert F. Normandin	Select. Rep. 1998

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

Carol A. Lacasse

DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER

Audrey Ekberg

DIRECTOR OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Donna J. Cilley

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Albert Akerstrom, III

FIRE CHIEF

Albert Akerstrom, III

FIRE CHIEF/DEPUTY

Richard Siegel

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Albert Akerstrom, III

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Alvin E. Nix Jr.

Robert Atherton

Cheryl Ellis

James Pilliod

Kenneth DeHart

David Caron

Vickie Donovan

Richard Casarano

Sandra St. Lawrence

LIBRARIAN

Joanne L. Ricard

PLANNING AND ZONING**ADMINISTRATOR**

Candace L. Daigle

PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kenneth Knowlton, Chrm.

Reginald Caldwell

Gary S. Flack

Ronald Mitchell

Leslie E. Roberts

RECREATION COMMISSION

Robert Court, Chrm. 1997

M. Trudy Lawler 1997

James E. Smith 1998

Vacancy

Vacancy

**SECRETARY/BUDGET COMMITTEE/
CONSERVATION COMMISSION/FIRE
DEPARTMENT/SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**

Diane M. Marden

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY

Patti Clifford

SEWER/WATER DEPARTMENT CLERK

Pam Barriault

SEWER/WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Francis R. Clairmont

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Brenda Paquette

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Matthew H. Upton

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR CLERK

Terry Ralls

LAND USE SECRETARY

Elaine Murphy

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pugh, Chrm. 1997

Alvin Nix Jr. 1999

Norma L. Patten 1999

Gary S. Flack 1997

Albert W. Woglom 1998

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**ALTERNATE MEMBERS**

Edward F. Hawkins 1997

John P. Giere 1997

Pauline E. Eastman 1998

Richard A. Fournier 1998

Paul Rushlow 1999

WATER COMMISSION

Charles H. Hampe, Chrm. 1998

David A. Rolfe

Frederic J. Greene 1998

1996 BELMONT TOWN MEETING SECOND SESSION

The SECOND SESSION shall be holden at the Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire, on the 16th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 o'clock in the forenoon by Moderator Steven Fournier.

The moderator then introduced the head table as follows:

Walter Mitchell	Town Counsel
Frederick Welch	Town Administrator
Ronald Mitchell	Chairman, Budget Committee
Robert Normandin	Selectman
Donna Cilley	Selectman
Mark Mooney	Selectman
Doralyn Harper	Town Clerk
Carol Lacasse	Deputy Town Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Moderator Steven Fournier.

A prayer was offered by Doralyn M. Harper, Town Clerk.

Dedication of the Town Report was made to James Marden of the Highway Department for service in excess of thirty years made by Doralyn Harper.

The Oath of Office was given by Moderator Steven Fournier to the following:

Peter Harris	Planning Board
Reginald Caldwell	Budget Committee
Suzanne Roberts	Trustee of the Trust Funds
Norma Patten	Budget Committee & Library Trustee
Gary Flack	Planning Board
Gerd Stewart	Treasurer
David Mika	Selectman
Jane McLetchie	Supervisor of the Checklist

At this time the Moderator acknowledged Calvin Brown, Arilda Brown and the Supervisors of the Checklist; Suzanne Roberts, Old Home Day Committee; Peter Poiré, fireworks at Old Home Day; the Board of Selectmen; Robert Harper, High School Maintenance; Michael McCarty, traffic control; David Mika, Mark Mooney was thanked for all he has done in the past twenty-five years.

The Moderator laid down the ground rules for the meeting. He asked that all comments be directed to him and that all non-voters raise their hands to be recognized. All people will be asked to answer all questioning that pertain to them but all questions are to be directed to him. He stated that all were to approach the mike, identify themselves, and to speak for only three minutes at most, stick to the subject at hand at all times, be courteous, and most of all be quick. He will allow only one amendment to a motion at a time. All motions and amendments must be in a positive sense so that when voting, yea is in favor and no is not. Any new motions and amendments must be in writing and passed in to Doralyn M. Harper, Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act upon the reports of boards and committees.

Article 1 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Mark Mooney, seconded by Bernadette Kelly. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see what the Town will do with the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund.

Article 2 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Reginald Caldwell. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

St. Joseph's pantry	600
Shaker School District Prom Grad program	1000
Belmont Old Home Day	300
Belmont Baseball Organization	1000
Cub Scouts	200
Boy Scouts	200
Dare Program	700
Girl Scouts	300
Heavenly Sunshine Daycare	200
Baptist Church Food Pantry	400
Belmont Recreation	<u>300</u>
Total	5200

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the established Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Equipment in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article 3 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Reginald Caldwell, seconded by Gary Flack. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$187,222 for the reconstruction of Class V Highways, said appropriation to be funded by \$111,425 from Highway Block Grant Funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, \$55,619 from encumbered Highway Block Grant Funds, and \$20,178 to be raised by taxation. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article 4 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Gary Flack, seconded by Albert Akerstrom. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the placement of a street light at the corner of United States Route 3 and Union Road. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.) RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article 5 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by John Thomas, seconded by Robert Moore. Brief discussion was held with William Ekberg speaking against and John Thomas speaking in favor of the article. Article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the reconstruction of Cotton Hill Road, as prescribed in RSA 35, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in such fund, all as prescribed in RSA 35. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article 6 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Kenneth Knowlton, seconded by Gary Flack. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the planning, investigation of and renovations to the Belmont Town Hall, said article to be a special article, as voted by the Board of Selectmen, and to be non-lapsing until December 31, 1999. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article 7 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Michael McCarty. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for the purpose of reconstructing and paving Pond Road, so-called, from Sunset Drive to the canal walking bridge and including the intersection with Sunset Drive, and to reconstruct and pave the portion of Sunray Shores Road from Belmont Tax Map 30, Lot 71 to the canal walking bridge, and from June Circle from its junction with Linda Drive to its intersection with Nancy Drive, said appropriation to continue in effect until December 31, 1999, unless said work is completed earlier. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.) NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article 8 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Gary Flack, seconded by Luther Brown. A short discussion was held. Article was defeated by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of reconstructing and paving Elaine Drive, from its junction with Tucker Shore Road to the northerly side of Belmont Tax Map 30 Lot 92, and to surface-treat the remainder of Elaine Drive with shoulder mix, so-called, to its junction with the end of pavement on Sheila Drive, said appropriation to continue in effect until December 31, 1999, unless said work is completed earlier. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.) NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article 9 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Gary Flack, seconded by Donna Cilley. There was no discussion. Article was defeated by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of studying Solid Waste Recycling, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Solid Waste Study Committee to carry out that study and report its findings. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Kenneth Knowlton, seconded by Albert Akerstrom. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,000 for Water Distribution and Treatment expenses for the ensuing year. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Gary Flack, seconded by Albert Akerstrom. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$245,586 for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Luther Brown. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-Capital Reserve fund for Economic Development, as prescribed in RSA 35:1-c and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in such fund, \$50,000 of said appropriation is to be funded by transfer of unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 1995 and to vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend such funds for such purpose, all as prescribed in RSA 35. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Kenneth Knowlton, seconded by John Thomas. Shirley Marden asked for an explanation of the article which was given by Fred Welch, Town Administrator. Article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for a Local Main Street Program, such funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund for Economic Development established above, provided that matching grants in an amount of at least 120% of the appropriated amount above are made available by the New Hampshire Main Street Center. This is a special warrant article designated by the Board of Selectmen, and shall be non-lapsing for three (3) years, or until such grant is received and a project completed. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Kenneth Knowlton, seconded by Robert Moore. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to ratify a two year contract between the Town of Belmont and AFSCME Local 534, with a cost of \$15,651 in year one and \$22,605 in year two, and that the sum of \$15,651 be raised and appropriated and said sum be added to the appropriate line items in the 1996 Annual Town Budget. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Gary Flack, seconded by Tom Goulette. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,500, said sum to be used by the Board of Selectmen for the purchase of a Road Grader for the Town of Belmont Highway Department. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Gary Flack, seconded by Donald Pugh. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Kenneth Knowlton to consider Article 18 before Article 17. Motion was seconded by Marie Goetz. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in cooperation with the Save the Mill Committee, to accept funds from public or private sources for the filing of grants, and if grants or funds are obtained, to proceed with the rehabilitation of the Belmont Mill and to report the status of the Belmont Mill to the 1997 Annual Town Meeting. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Kenneth Knowlton, seconded by Donald Pugh. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,000 for the purpose of determining the disposition of the Belmont Mill, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or transfer, to further aid in development of the property, or to raze the existing buildings and structures thereon. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Kenneth Knowlton, seconded by Donald Pugh.

Wallace Rhodes asked to amend Article 17: "To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$48,000.00 to be expended as necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Article 18." Moved by Kenneth Knowlton, seconded by Shirley Marden.

Linda Clairmont asked for clarification of the article. Ken Knowlton explained this would give the Board time to see what private funds and block grants are available and monies to be expended for those purposes. Mark Mooney explained that there was a weekend meeting with the Office of Plan N.H. and this gives the organization one year opportunity to study and come up with ways of saving the mill. Does not want to use taxpayers monies for this project. \$48,000.00 appropriated for this use this year and next year, not sure what will be needed. The Committee will report back at next-year's Annual Town Meeting.

Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,427,820.00 to fund the Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Mark Mooney, seconded by Robert Moore. Ronald Mitchell made a motion to amend Article 19 as follows:

"I move to amend Article 19 by increasing the total Town Budget to \$2,454,880.00, said increase of \$27,060.00 to fund station coverage, emergency overtime and training overtime in the Fire Department Budget that was inadvertently left out of the approved budget and to bring into line non-union with authorized union benefits." Motion to accept the amendment was made by Mark Mooney. Motion to vote on amended Article 19 was made by Reginald Caldwell, seconded by Gary Flack. There was no discussion. Amended article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$142,177.00 to fund the Capital Outlay Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 20 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Donald Pugh. There was no discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Marsh Hill Spring Road, a Class V Highway, in accordance with RSA 231:43, subject to the continuation of any existing utility easements under the provisions of RSA 231:46. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Article 21 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Mark Mooney, seconded by William Ekberg. Brief discussion was held regarding disposition of property, questions of Town liability should someone become sick from water, and various comments for and against keeping the spring open. Article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Silver Lake Road, a Class VI highway, in accordance with RSA 231:43, subject to the continuation of any existing utility easements under the provisions of RSA 231:46. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Article 22 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept by Gary Flack, seconded by Norma Patten. A brief discussion was held for and against the article. William Ekberg moved to table, seconded by Robert St. Lawrence. Motion was tabled.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to transfer, for the consideration of \$1.00, to the Sargent Lake Association, the property identified as Belmont Tax Map 27, Lots 25, 42, 69 and 71 by quitclaim deed. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 669:17.V(2) for an elected Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA.) Under the provisions of RSA 669, appointed ZBA Members holding office will continue to serve out their full terms. As the full terms of appointed members expire, a replacement shall be elected for a 3 year term at the next regular municipal election in the manner set out in RSA 669. For the interim period between the expiration of appointed terms and the next regular municipal election, the remaining ZBA Members shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy. For a vacancy that occurs other than at the expiration of a term, the remaining ZBA Members shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy until the next regular municipal election. Under the provisions of RSA 673:6.II-a. The ZBA Members shall also appoint three Alternate Members. ZBA Alternate appointments shall be for terms of 3 years and shall be made as the first three existing alternate terms expire in 1996 & 1997.

The last two existing alternate terms shall expire on their appointed dates, but shall not then be filled. ZBA Members shall also make appointments to fill vacancies that occur other than at the expiration of an alternate term. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.)

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Kenneth Knowlton, seconded by Gary Flack. Discussion: An explanation of the article was given by Town Counsel who stated that the Town's Zoning Ordinance set the method of appointing members and there would probably have to be changes. A motion to table the Article was made by Mark Mooney, seconded by Alan MacRae. The article was tabled.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to form a committee to study the current three (3) Selectmen form of Town Government to determine if it is effective and efficient for the Town of Belmont or if some other form of Town Government would better serve the needs of the Town, and to report back at the next Annual Meeting with recommendations to be acted upon, said committee to consist of the following residents of the Town of Belmont: Cheryl Ellis, James Pilliod, Kenneth Dehart, David Caron, Sandra St. Lawrence, Vicki Donovan, Richard Casarano, Alvin Nix, Jr., and Robert Atherton. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.)

Article was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Alan MacRae, seconded by Michael McCarty. Discussion: Tom Goulette said he supported article but not designated committee members. He felt it should be open to all. Ken Knowlton moved to add after residents named, "Any other interested parties" seconded by Tom Goulette.

Michael McCarty, committee members, explained this was done by the Civic Profile Committee under the Leadership Committee.

After much discussion, vote taken and carried by voice vote. Ruth Campbell moved to reconsider the amendment, seconded by John Thomas. Amendment was withdrawn.

Gerd Stewart moved to eliminate reconsideration, we go back to the original article, seconded by Alan MacRae. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 25 was then carried by a voice vote.

Mark Mooney moved to adjourn at 11:33 AM, second by Albert Akerstrom. Carried by voice vote.

The time was 11:33 o'clock in the forenoon. Approximately one hundred (100) registered voters and four (4) non-voters attended the Meeting.

There are 3296 registered voters in the Town of Belmont.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk
Belmont, New Hampshire

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
BELMONT MILL COMMUNITY CENTER
OCTOBER 8, 1996**

The SESSION shall be holden at the Multi-Purpose Room, Belmont Elementary School, Belmont, New Hampshire, on the 8th day of October, 1996, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 o'clock in the evening by Moderator Steven Fournier.

The Moderator then introduced the head table as follows:

Matthew Upton	Town Administrator
Donna Cilley	Selectman
David Mika	Selectman
Robert Normandin	Selectman
Doralyn Harper	Town Clerk
Carol Lacasse	Deputy Town Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Moderator Steven Fournier.

The Moderator then recognized Maurice Fortin, Bob Harper and Michael Cozort and also Doralyn Harper for their assistance in setting up for the meeting.

He laid down ground rules for the meeting: He stated that all people who have knowledge will be asked to answer the questions, but all questions will be addressed to him. He asked that speakers come to the front, identify themselves and speak only to the subject at hand. Be courteous and most of all be quick.

He then asked that all non voters identify themselves.

He stated that only one amendment to a motion at a time could be made. All motions must be in a positive sense so that when voting yea is in favor and no is not. Any new motions and amendments must be in writing and passed to Town Clerk, Doralyn Harper. Motion to reconsider can only be made immediately after a motion is passed but will not be able to be voted on tonight.

The article was read into the minutes by Moderator Steven Fournier.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,310,317.00, including \$1,000,000 to be provided by a Community Development Block Grant administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in conjunction with the State of New Hampshire Office of State Planning, for the renovation of the Belmont Mill, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$215,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; further more, to authorize the withdrawal of \$95,317 from surplus to fund the anticipated renovations to the Belmont Mill. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

The motion to accept the article was made by Donna Cilley and seconded by Robert Normandin.

The Moderator asked Town Administrator Matthew Upton to explain the funding including the Block Grant and budget surplus.

Mark Mooney spoke against the article, citing a previous engineering study, questionable structural integrity of the building, whether or not the Town could depend upon the proposed tenant rentals to pick up costs and the risk of further expenditures of Town monies.

Donna Cilley spoke in favor of the article and stated that further engineering studies had been made by the firm of Christopher P. Williams, Architects.

Elson Moody spoke in favor of the article.

Albert Ring posed questions regarding future costs, liability, maintenance, management, cost overruns and what would happen if the tenants were to leave.

Matthew Upton replied that leases have been negotiated to include two-thirds of maintenance, utilities and grounds keeping. When all spaces are filled, there will be no short fall. He explained that most of the engineering will be done prior to the March Town Meeting. At that time we will know what costs are projected well before any Town money is expended. If there are higher than estimated costs it will be brought before the voters before any bonds are issued. If the grant is accepted there will be a lien for twenty years to prevent the Town from selling the property.

Ken Knowlton spoke for the project to restore an historic building and revitalize the downtown area.

Robert Woodbury also spoke for preserving the mill.

Albert Akerstrom moved to end discussion, seconded by Kenneth Knowlton. Vote unanimous.

Moderator Steven Fournier opened the polls for voting from 7:41 PM to 8:41 PM.

The final count was 98 votes cast: 70 YES, 28 NO.

A two-thirds vote was required. The Bond passed. Approximately eighty-five (85) voters were in attendance at the meeting, along with 5 non-voters. Additional voters arrived after the polls were opened to vote only.

Motion to adjourn was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Kenneth Knowlton. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk
Belmont, New Hampshire

1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Appropriation	\$130,058.00
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Paid:

Selectmen's Salary	\$5,666.74
Trustee of Trust Funds Salary	1,000.00
Moderator's Salary	525.00
Town Administrator's Salary	57,766.95
Executive Secretary's Salary	25,067.44
Extra Hire	5,034.36
Overtime	797.39
Telephone	2,393.16
Postage	799.34
Service Contracts	5,564.20
Computer	2,894.00
Printing	190.34
Public Notice Expense	217.51
Advertising	871.05
Belknap County Registry of Deeds	174.38
Conferences	319.00
Dues	1,098.85
Lakes Region Planning Commission	5,289.00
Books and Periodicals	1,214.24
Subscriptions	95.00
Training and Mileage	303.66
NHMA Dues	2,012.54
Equipment	1,000.00
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	1,823.07
Supplies	1,737.34
Stationery	214.90
Printing of Town Report	3,370.00
Engineering Services	5,287.37
General Expense	258.10

Total Paid	\$132,984.93
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ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITAL STATISTICS

Appropriation	\$47,085.00
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Paid:

Town Clerk's Salary	\$16,167.97
Deputy Town Clerk's Wages	12,220.95
Ballot Clerk's Wages	1,620.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	1,015.00
Town Clerk Extra Hire	8,640.52
Town Clerk Telephone	528.56
Town Clerk Postage	576.04
Service Contracts	360.00

1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

Printing	725.52	
Advertising	170.17	
Town Clerk Conferences	196.00	
Town Clerk Dues	20.00	
Meals	334.75	
Town Clerk Supplies	805.82	
Supervisor's Expenses	2,618.50	
Total Paid		\$45,999.80

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation		\$89,425.00
Paid:		
Accountant's Salary	\$26,596.80	
Treasurer's Salary	4,500.00	
Tax Collector's Salary	16,167.97	
Deputy Tax Collector's Salary	12,220.95	
Overtime	651.16	
Budget Committee Expenses	345.27	
Tax Collector Telephone	290.42	
Tax Collector Postage	4,368.44	
Belknap County Registry of Deeds	1,826.64	
Title Search	640.00	
Tax Collector Conferences	376.50	
Tax Collector Dues	40.00	
Audit	4,075.00	
Tax Collector Supplies	410.68	
Tax Collector - Tax Bill Forms	2,036.76	
Treasurer General Expense	53.04	
Accountant General Expense	4,499.91	
Total Paid		\$79,099.54

PROPERTY REVALUATION

Appropriation		\$8,100.00
Paid:		
Property Appraisal Pickup Fees	\$20,439.82	
Total Paid		\$20,439.82

LEGAL AND JUDICIAL EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$40,300.00
Paid:		
Legal Expenses	\$37,380.90	
Total Paid		\$37,380.90

1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$183,278.00
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Paid:

Town Share FICA	\$31,162.68
Town Share Medicare	9,550.34
Town Share Health Insurance	54,173.81
Union Health Insurance	45,951.96
Disability & Life Insurance	5,036.60
Union Dental Insurance	2,616.48
Police Department Retirement	10,354.23
Fire Department Retirement	7,044.46
Employees Retirement	11,393.45

Total Paid	\$177,284.01
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PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation	\$49,428.00
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Paid:

Administrator's Salary	\$24,005.00
Clerk's Wages	9,285.85
Telephone	105.74
Postage	1,100.58
Printing	1,107.05
Public Notices	1,587.68
Legal Expenses	1,952.40
Publications	1,051.99
Supplies	271.09
Master Plan Update	2,479.82

Total Paid	\$42,947.20
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ZONING BOARD

Appropriation	\$11,492.00
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Paid:

Administrator's Salary	\$3,920.00
Clerk's Wages	2,217.15
Telephone	2.19
Postage	826.83
Public Notices	556.55
Legal Fees	2,807.58
Publications	150.00
Supplies	113.12

Total Paid	\$10,593.42
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TAX MAP UPDATES

Appropriation	\$5,500.00
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Paid:

Tax Map Update Expense	\$990.25
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Total Paid	\$990.25
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1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES**GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**

Appropriation \$31,900.00

Paid:

Buildings Repair & Maintenance	\$2,846.57
Electric	2,439.48
Heat	1,431.46
Water Rent	65.21
Sewer Rent	305.50
Hydrant Rent	9,600.00
Custodial Services	1,680.00
Supplies	62.64
Ground Maintenance	4,279.17

Total Paid \$22,710.03

CEMETERIES

Appropriation \$10,315.00

Paid:

Cemetery General Expense	\$8,065.99
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Total Paid \$8,065.99

INSURANCE

Appropriation \$124,000.00

Paid:

NHMA Worker's Compensation	\$36,600.00
NHMA Liability Trust	49,108.00
Insurance Contingency	533.14

Total Paid \$86,241.14

1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$468,349.00
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Paid:

Chief of Police Salary	\$45,415.37
Sergeant 1's Salary	35,588.82
Sergeant 2's Salary	35,214.40
Sergeant 3's Salary	35,214.40
Patrolman 1's Salary	30,643.60
Patrolman 2's Salary	32,463.60
Patrolman 3's Salary	28,969.20
Patrolman 4's Salary	32,463.60
Patrolman 5's Salary	28,969.20
Patrolman 6's Salary	26,280.80
Secretary's Salary	22,869.60
Part-Time Secretary's Salary	119.00
Holiday Pay	17,938.00
Special Duty Pay	5,358.00
Overtime	27,193.79
Office Expense	1,034.99
Telephone	8,337.88
Uniforms	3,013.19
Electric	2,887.93
Heat	556.91
Water Rent	121.00
Sewer Rent	225.74
Postage	372.25
Service Contracts	1,730.00
Computer	1,023.19
Printing & Forms	1,054.35
Conferences	1,500.00
Dues	225.00
Associations	8.98
Books & Periodicals	1,062.48
Professional Services	741.04
Training	2,399.57
Equipment	1,261.90
Special Equipment (Ammunition)	975.00
Photo Lab & Blood Tests	2,306.02
Custodial Services	2,651.00
Supplies	1,553.76
Vehicle Repairs	4,055.94
Vehicle Fuel	6,016.34
Tires	1,344.32
Radio & Radar Repairs	2,498.02

Total Paid

\$453,658.18

1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

AMBULANCE

Appropriation		\$15,500.00
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Paid:

Training	\$3,669.57
Equipment	2,213.98
Medical Supplies	1,119.30
Medical Expenses	63.00
Comstar Fees	8,114.86

Total Paid		\$15,180.71
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$227,854.00
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Paid:

Fire Chief's Salary	\$39,959.14
Deputy Chief's Salary	35,430.19
Firefighter/EMT Salary	26,816.40
Firefighter/EMT Salary	26,292.80
Volunteer Salaries	40,831.57
Volunteer Training Pay	8,847.71
Station Coverage	2,605.44
Overtime Emergency	6,622.00
Overtime for Training	1,362.03
Office Expense	622.69
Telephone	2,177.98
Uniforms/Clothing	1,579.50
Electric	5,101.81
Heat	3,540.24
Water Rent	75.10
Sewer Rent	256.29
Postage	239.01
Computer	3,134.72
Conferences	400.00
Dues	365.00
Books & Periodicals	98.97
Subscriptions	108.45
Training	1,400.00
Equipment	724.90
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	1,639.02
Building Maintenance	573.11
Medical Expenses	63.00
Fire Prevention	634.49
Supplies	2,833.87
Vehicle Repairs and Parts	9,580.82
Equipment Fuel	2,571.07
Tires	1,329.74
Radio Repairs	628.32
General Expense	203.15

Total Paid		\$228,648.53
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1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES**FOREST FIRE**

Appropriation	\$3,593.00
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Paid:

Forest Fire Salaries	\$289.61
Forest Fire Supplies	3,117.09

Total Paid	\$3,406.70
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WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$16,000.00
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Paid:

Winnisquam Fire Department	\$16,000.00
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Total Paid	\$16,000.00
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BUILDING INSPECTOR

Appropriation	\$23,947.00
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Paid:

Building Inspector's Salary	\$19,971.90
Overtime	145.28
Office Expense	123.71
Telephone	157.03
Postage	167.89
Dues/Memberships	1,224.27
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,124.83
Vehicle Fuel	276.49
Tires	299.41
General Expense	622.41

Total Paid	\$24,113.22
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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Paid:

General Expense	\$66.72
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Total Paid	\$66.72
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$310,167.00
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Paid:

Highway Supervisor's Salary	\$32,078.54
Telephone	673.73
Electric	1,274.94
Heating Fuel	1,919.40
Water Rent	40.65
Sewer Rent	236.87
Supplies	67.88
Part-Time Equipment Operator 1	7,859.50
Full-Time Equipment Operator 2	17,838.51
Full-Time Equipment Operator 3	24,956.34
Full-Time Equipment Operator 4	21,870.45
Full-Time Equipment Operator 5	30,208.04

1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

Extra Hire	2,734.56	
Overtime	16,701.43	
Protective Clothing	378.87	
Equipment Purchases	261.96	
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	313.90	
Supplies	495.27	
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	20,118.31	
Vehicle Fuel	7,084.60	
Tires	2,590.68	
Lubricants	1,463.41	
Street Signs	1,404.36	
Street Painting	842.00	
Sand	17,372.39	
Sweeping	850.00	
Cold Patch	1,840.09	
Equipment Hire	1,598.84	
Tools	317.66	
Salt	30,994.01	
Asphalt	9,170.75	
Gravel	3,946.85	
Calcium Chloride/Dust Control	5,103.00	
Brush Control	1,721.00	
Culverts	2,500.00	
Drainage	76.11	
Guard Rails	235.05	
General Expense	2,741.65	
Total Paid		\$271,881.60
STREET LIGHTING		
Appropriation		\$5,500.00
Paid:		
Street Lighting Electricity	\$3,892.73	
Total Paid		\$3,892.73
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT		
Appropriation		\$187,222.00
Paid:		
Highway Block Grant Expenses	\$187,222.00	
Total Paid		\$187,222.00

1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES**SANITATION - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Appropriation \$310,136.00

Paid:

Contract For Pickups	\$99,800.04
Transfer Station Expense	4,704.49
Concord Cooperative	191,715.42
Recycling	3,211.04
Hazardous Waste	4,336.00

Total Paid \$303,766.99

ANIMAL EXPENSES

Appropriation \$2,273.00

Paid:

Animal Holding Expenses	\$2,273.00
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Total Paid \$2,273.00

HEALTH AGENCIES

Appropriation \$34,244.00

Paid:

Community Health & Hospice	\$14,500.00
Community Action Program	4,544.00
Lakes Region Family Services	2,500.00
Youth Services Bureau	11,000.00
New Beginnings - Crisis Center	500.00
American Red Cross	1,200.00

Total Paid \$34,244.00

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation \$73,125.00

Paid:

Welfare Assistant	\$13,000.00
Welfare Dues	25.00
Supplies	999.76
Housing	32,564.92
Food	2,835.08
Utilities	14,983.14
Gasoline	30.00
Heating	2,301.72
Clothing	100.00
Medical Expenses	832.81
Other Expenses	1,215.00

Total Paid \$68,887.43

1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES**RECREATION**

Appropriation		\$13,000.00
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Paid:

Electric	\$998.53
Water	21.30
Equipment	8,660.06
Maintenance & Repairs	3,222.81

Total Paid		\$12,902.70
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LIBRARY

Appropriation		\$26,152.00
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Paid:

Library Salaries	\$11,807.12
General Expense	14,344.88

Total Paid		\$26,152.00
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PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Appropriation		\$9,750.00
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Paid:

Old Home Day	\$2,500.00
Fire Works	4,500.00
Memorial Day	350.00
Civic Profile Steering Committee	1,999.18
Beautification Committee	
(General Expense)	159.90

Total Paid		\$9,509.08
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		\$470.00
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Paid:

Conservation General Expense	\$470.00
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Total Paid		\$470.00
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DEBT SERVICE

Appropriation		\$148,590.00
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Paid:

Prin. Landfill Road Reconst.	\$130,000.00
Int. Landfill Road Reconst.	18,590.00

Total Paid		\$148,590.00
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1996 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Appropriation	\$463,994.00
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Paid:

FD Helmets	\$651.72
FD Air Packs	11,421.20
FD Engine 4 Body Work	10,000.00
FD Adapters & Fittings	2,171.63
FD Motorola Pagers	2,963.97
FD Firefighter's Gloves	521.95
FD Fire Hose	5,269.43
FD Nozzels	2,440.68
PD Police Cruisers	44,209.00
Winnisquam FD Engine	1,000.00
FD Servis Firebreak Boots	539.70
FD Motorola Radios	6,597.15
HWY. DEPT. 10 Foot Sander	9,362.00
Winnisquam FD Survivair Packs	2,200.00
PD Computer Equipment	1,500.00
HWY. DEPT. John Deere Grader	116,544.00
T/C Document Restoration	2,134.00
PD Office Furnishing's	4,891.76
PD & FD Emergency Generator	15,227.19
PD Radio Equipment	2,750.75
PLBD Speed Search Service	754.00
PLBD Surge Protector	218.99
T/C Equipment	1,252.00
F/A Tax Equipment	1,824.00
Town Hall Renovations	40,000.00
Improvements- Legion & Bandstand	3,600.00
Belmont Mill Disposition	48,000.00
Special Town Meeting Mill Renov.	95,317.00
FD Dry Hydrant Maintenance	174.00
Wage & Salary Study	3,000.00

Total Paid	\$436,536.12
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PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES

Appropriation	\$100.00
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Paid:

Street Light Union Rd. & Route 3	\$258.24
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Total Paid	\$258.24
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CAPITAL RESERVE

Appropriation	\$140,000.00
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Paid:

FD Fire Equipment	\$50,000.00
Cotton Hill Road	40,000.00

Total Paid	\$90,000.00
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1997 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BELMONT

Line Item	Actual Approp 1996	Actual Expended 1996	Select Recommend 1997	Bud Comm Recommend 1997	Not Recommend Bud Comm
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive Office	130,058	132,985	130,187	130,187	
Elec. Reg. & Vital Stat	47,085	46,000	44,574	44,574	
Financial Administration	89,425	79,100	88,261	88,261	
Property Revaluation	8,100	20,440	16,500	16,500	
Legal & Judicial	40,300	37,381	20,500	20,500	
Personnel Administration	183,278	177,284	193,552	193,552	
Planning & Zoning Board	60,920	53,541	58,415	58,415	
General Government Bldg.	31,900	22,710	31,500	36,200	
Cemeteries	10,315	8,066	3,810	3,810	
Insurance	124,000	86,241	113,518	113,518	
Tax Maps	5,500	990	2,000	2,000	
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	468,349	453,658	483,300	484,050	
Ambulance	15,500	15,181	20,300	20,300	
Fire	247,447	248,055	283,861	283,861	
Building Inspection	23,947	24,113	24,208	24,208	
Emergency Management	1,000	67	1,000	1,000	
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
Highway & Streets	310,167	271,882	304,062	329,962	
Street Lighting	5,500	3,893	4,000	4,000	
Highway Block Grant	187,222	187,222	187,222	187,222	
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	99,800	99,800	99,800	99,800	
Transfer Station Expenses	2,000	4,704	2,000	2,000	
Solid Waste Disposal					
CRSWRRC	200,000	191,715	200,000	200,000	
Recycling	4,000	3,211	4,000	4,000	
Hazardous Waste Collection	4,336	4,336	4,336	4,336	
Landfill Monitoring Wells	0	0	2,500	2,500	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT					
Water Services	81,000	66,443	99,687	99,687	
Water Treatment	245,586	226,338	243,334	243,334	
HEALTH					
Pest Control	2,273	2,273	879	879	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	34,244	34,244	36,855	36,855	
WELFARE					
Administration	13,125	14,025	13,425	13,425	
Direct Assistance	60,000	54,863	61,900	61,900	

1997 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BELMONT

CULTURE & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation	13,000	12,903	13,000	13,000
Library	26,152	26,152	29,751	29,751
Patriotic Purposed	9,750	9,509	10,250	10,250

CONSERVATION

Conservation Commission	470	470	2,306	2,306
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DEBT SERVICES

Principal-Long Term Bond	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Interest-Long Term Bond	18,590	18,590	9,425	9,425
Interest On TAN	50,000	0	50,000	50,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Equip. Vehicles & Machinery	262,877	246,445	198,936	202,686
Buildings	190,417	186,917	25,000	35,000
Improv. Other Than Buildings	10,700	3,174	5,700	5,700
Petition Articles	100	258	0	0

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

To Capital Projects	140,000	90,000	0	0
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TOTAL

APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,588,433	\$3,295,179	\$3,253,854	\$3,298,954	\$0
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

	Estimated Revenue 1996	Actual Revenue 1996	Selectmen Budget 1997	Estimated Revenue 1997
TAXES				
Land Use Change Tax	4,000	3,320	8,981	8,981
Yield Taxes	10,000	3,895	20,050	20,050
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	4,053	3,151	3,151	3,151
Boat Taxes	170,000	20,531	33,187	33,187
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	17,000	243,138	180,000	180,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES				
Business Licenses and Permits	135,000	135,082	211,819	211,819
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	521,000	599,314	580,120	580,120
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	12,600	11,984	19,866	19,866
FROM THE STATE OF NH				
Shared Revenue	87,517	175,953	91,116	91,116
Highway Block Grant	111,425	111,426	123,106	123,106
Landfill Closure Grant	84,854	84,854	0	0
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	13	4,000	21	21
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	31,000	0	45,718	45,718
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Sale of Municipal Property	5,000	528	0	0
Interest on Investments	41,000	54,688	67,752	67,752
Other	29,904	1,662	0	0
DIVIDENDS & REIMBURSEMENTS				
Insurance Dividends	19,651	19,651	19,651	19,651
Insurance Reimbursement	46,139	46,139	46,139	46,139
Welfare Reimbursement	1,722	1,722	1,722	1,722
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
CDBG - Grant, Belmont Mill	0	1,000,000	0	0
Enterprise Fund: Sewer Water	245,586	258,200	258,200	258,200
Capital Reserve Fund	81,000	84,688	84,688	84,688
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Belmont Mill Retainage Bond	0	0	215,000	215,000
Fund Balance Voted from Surplus	25,000	145,317	75,500	75,500
Fund Balance Remaining to Reduce Taxes	128,500	270,368	128,500	128,500
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$1,812,004	\$3,306,425	\$2,214,326	\$2,214,326
Total Appropriations			\$3,298,954	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Prop Taxes			- 2,214,326	
Taxes to be Raised(Exclusive of School & County Taxes)			\$1,084,628	

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	VILLAGE SEWER	W.R.B.P.	LANDFILL	TOTAL
1997	\$55,000	\$0	\$130,000	\$185,000
1998	55,000			55,000
1999	55,000			55,000
2000	55,000			55,000
2001	55,000			55,000
2002	55,000			55,000
2003	55,000			55,000
2004	55,000			55,000
TOTALS	\$440,000		\$130,000	\$570,000

INTEREST PAYMENTS	VILLAGE SEWER	W.R.B.P.	LANDFILL	TOTAL
1997	\$39,431	\$0	\$9,425	\$48,856
1998	33,986			33,986
1999	28,672			28,672
2000	23,247			23,247
2001	17,686			17,686
2002	13,596			13,596
2003	8,071			8,071
2004	2,720			2,720
TOTALS	\$167,409		\$9,425	176,834

1996 TOWN OF BELMONT TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996

Account Names	Jan. 1, 1996 Balance	1996 Receipts and Transfers	1996 Transfers & Disbursements	Dec. 31, 1996 Balance
GENERAL FUND				
Citizens Bank (Checking)	\$277,629.90	\$25,332,962.56	\$25,381,789.21	\$228,803.25
Citizens Bank (Investments)	1,800,000.00	15,128,637.51	15,135,721.98	1,792,915.53
Citizens Bank (Payroll)	16,652.58	788,154.25	787,232.85	17,573.98
First Deposit National Bank (Tax Collector's Checking)	191.06	2,850,381.76	2,850,448.47	124.35
AMBULANCE FUND				
First Deposit National Bank	54,740.99	42,574.84	47.20	97,268.63
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
First Deposit National Bank	1,243.27	324.90	1,400.00	168.17
SEWER DEPARTMENT				
Shawmut Bank (Village M.M.)	113,595.08	39,947.37	153,542.45	(0.00)
Shawmut Bank (Village Ck.)	1,027.06	75,046.98	76,074.04	0.00
Citizens Bank (Village NOW Acct.)	0.00	256,836.32	124,251.52	132,584.80
Citizens Bank (Winnis. M.M.)	113,924.37	78,723.69	102,071.80	90,576.26
Citizens Bank (Winnis. Ck.)	8,264.60	102,379.59	101,746.34	8,897.85
Citizens Bank (Ladd Hill)	142,024.97	4,788.78	21,025.26	125,788.49
Citizens Bank (Ladd Hill-Retainage)	18,137.41	553.88	0.00	18,691.29
WATER DEPT.				
First Deposit National Bank (Village Ck.)	52,386.54	56,093.21	55,102.32	53,377.43
First Deposit National Bank (Winnis. Ck.)	10,301.68	20,706.75	12,722.25	18,286.18
First Deposit National Bank (Village C.D.)	84,681.16	4,336.64	0.00	89,017.80
First Deposit National Bank (Village C.D.)	22,368.84	1,167.03	0.00	23,535.87
Citizens Bank (Village M.M.)	25,926.61	994.30	52.00	26,868.91
Citizens Bank (Winnis. M.M.)	4,839.94	133.66	0.00	4,973.60
ESCROW ACCOUNTS				
First Deposit National Bank	25,449.30	3,102.26	7,296.50	21,255.06
TOTALS	\$2,773,385.36	\$44,787,846.28	\$44,810,524.19	\$2,750,707.45

Respectfully
submittedGerd Stewart
Treasurer

1996 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

VALUE OF LAND

Land in Current Use	\$ 925,207.00
Residential	71,067,006.00
Commercial/Industrial	19,115,252.00

VALUE OF BUILDINGS

Residential	112,453,537.00
Manufactured Housing	11,837,183.00
Commercial/Industrial	36,418,274.00

VALUE OF UTILITIES

Energy North	\$ 162,255.00
NH Electric Cooperative	275,683.00
Public Service of NH	2,536,680.00
Water Utility	<u>118,440.00</u>

VALUE BEFORE EXEMPTIONS \$ 254,909,517.00

EXEMPTIONS

Blind Exemptions	4	\$ 75,000.00
Elderly Exemptions	118	5,220,000.00
Solar Exemptions	2	<u>16,635.00</u>

TOTAL EXEMPTIONS \$ 5,311,635.00

TOTAL VALUATION \$ 249,597,882.00

TAX CREDITS

War Service Credits	381	\$ 38,100.00
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans, Widows or Spouses	11	<u>14,000.00</u>

TOTAL TAX CREDITS \$ 52,100.00

TAX EXEMPT LAND AND BUILDINGS

Land	\$ 4,416,500.00
Buildings	<u>9,714,540.00</u>

TOTAL TAX EXEMPT LAND AND BUILDING \$ 14,131,040.00

1996 SUMMARY OF LANDS IN CURRENT USE

LAND CLASSIFICATION	Acres Granted In Prior Years	Acres Granted In Current Year	Total Acres
Farm Land	1,237.43	1.71	1,239.14
Forest Land	6,870.77	94.49	6,965.26
Unproductive Land	8.29	-0-	8.29
Wet Land	660.87	3.70	664.57
Total Acres in Current Use			8,877.26
Total Acres Withdrawn from Current Use in 1996			-0-
Total Acres Receiving 20% Recreational Adjustment			3,875.23
Total of Owners Granted Current Use Assessment			503.00

NOTICE TO CURRENT USE APPLICANTS

New applicants for Current Use must fully complete a Current Use application form with a map clearly showing the land to be considered for Current Use taxation. All applications and maps must be filed with the Board of Selectmen not later than April 15, 1997, with the required filing fee.

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	ACRES	MAP & LOT #	VALUE
US Army Corp of Engineers, Land Only	7.97	6/47-4	151,420
Sunray Shores Improvement Assoc., Land Only	5.08	7/22-1	21,150
Sunray Shores Improvement Assoc., Land & Bldg.	.12	30/9	25,080
So. Baptist Church of Laconia, Land & Bldg.	11.40	7/45	378,360
South Road Cemetery, Land Only	17.70	3/19	13,510
NH Public Utilities, Land Only	4.70	10/32	7,540
NH Public Utilities, Land Only	2.28	10/33	62,800
Belknap County 4-H Assoc., Land Only	7.39	11/93-1	29,930
Belknap County 4-H Assoc., Land & Bldg.	5.64	10/67	93,590
Belknap County 4-H Assoc., Land Only	7.76	10/67-1	24,780
Belknap County 4-H Assoc., Land Only	5.23	10/72-3	21,080
NH, State of, Land Only, B&M Railroad	.30	4/52	240
NH, State of, Land Only, Old Rte. 3	9.14	10/29-1	18,280
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	22.40	10/29-2	89,600
NH, State of, Land & Bldg., Brown Hill Rd.	5.10	9/10	70,000
NH, State of, Land Only, Old Rte. 3	1.30	10/31-1	5,200
NH, State of, Land & Bldg., Brown Hill Rd.	10.30	9/12	228,560
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	2.75	10/35	27,500
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	1.30	31/1	277,560
NH, State of, Land & Bldg., Rte. 140	23.73	2/12	361,540
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 106	.60	11/79	6,000
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	2.70	31/20	185,000
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 106	3.50	8/4	52,000
NH, State of, Land Only, off Dearborn St.	.11	20/36-1	1,000
NH, State of, Land Only, Brown Hill Rd.	29.10	9/37	33,010
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 140	.52	24/34	5,500
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	1.83	32/15	18,300
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	2.75	33/2-1	27,500
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 107	1.00	13/19	9,600
NH, State of, Land Only, Grey Rocks Rd.	13.60	22/40	72,140
NH, State of, Land & Bldg., Rte. 3	7.14	32/2	206,000
Province Road Grange, Land & Bldg.	.50	13/56-1	35,710
Belmont Historical Society, Land & Bldg.	.80	14/13	59,820
Genera Corp., Land & Bldg.	1.40	15/57	122,110
Shaker Regional School Dist., Land Only	1.34	18/21	22,770
Shaker Regional School Dist., Land Only	36.88	5/48-1	5,014
Shaker Regional School Dist., Land & Bldg.	53.00	6/44	3,004,020
Baptist Church, Land & Bldg.	2.21	20/25	344,230
Belmont Library, Land & Bldg.	.22	20/41	166,670
Catholic Church Parish, Land & Bldg.	1.80	21/14	931,670
Catholic Church Parish, Land & Bldg.	1.00	21/47	237,390
Water Resources Board, Land Only	3.70	22/1	92,000
Water Resources Board, Land Only	4.15	22/2	133,880
Winnisquam Fire Dept., Land & Bldg.	.32	31/27	134,200

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

STREET NAME	MAP & LOT #	ACREAGE	VALUE
South Road, Land Only			
Off Route 140, Old R. R. Bed, Land Only	2-13	12.00 10.46	24,620 68,570
Route 140, Land Only	2-42-1	1.03	11,560
South Road, Land Only	3-1-2	.97	9,560
Jefferson Road, Land Only	4-34-1	1.09	14,400
Union Road, Land Only	4-34-28	1.39	14,730
Union Road, Land Only	4-34-29	1.52	15,970
Union Road, Land Only	4-34-30	2.08	14,390
Jefferson Road, Land Only	4-34-8	.97	9,870
Union Road, Land Only	4-35-A	.40	5,170
Off Jamestown Road, Land Only	4-50	11.59	7,880
Hurricane Road, Highway Shed Land & Buildings	5-32	4.40	19,040
Hurricane Road, Closed Landfill, Land Only	5-33	68.60	69,520
Murray park, Pumping Station, Land & Building	5-61	30.00	65,500
Wildlife Blvd, Town Forest, Land Only	5-69	31.22	43,840
Hurricane Road, Land Only	5-72	11.00	9,820
Shaker Road, Land Only	6-13	2.20	43,460
Water Tank, Land & Building	6-43	7.80	369,040
Ladd Hill Road, Land Only	7-23-16	1.13	16,640
Home Road, Cemetery	7-42	.05	4,230
Bean Hill Road, Land Only	8-18-1	.40	15,510
Bean Hill Road, Cemetery	8-22	.20	5,060
Lamprey Road, Cemetery	8-41	.10	2,200
Edith Lane, Land Only	8-51-1	6.00	18,500
Edith Lane, Land Only	8-55	3.00	6,000
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-61.26	7.33	23,420
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-62	1.40	5,040
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-62-1	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-62-2	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-63-2	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-64	1.67	14,570
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-65	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-66	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-67	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-68	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-69	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-70	2.64	5,780
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-73	.67	4,600
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-77	2.95	4,220
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-77-1	.77	4,660
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-79	1.03	4,820
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-80	.77	4,660
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-81	.25	4,350

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

STREET NAME	MAP & LOT #	ACREAGE	VALUE
	8-81-1	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-81-2	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-81-3	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-81-4	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-82	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-82-2	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-86	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-86-1	.45	4,470
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-88	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-88-1	.12	4,270
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-89	3.00	6,000
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-91	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-94	2.09	5,450
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-98	2.57	5,740
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-100	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-101	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-102	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-103	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-104	.51	4,510
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-107	1.54	5,120
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-110	13.00	13,340
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-111	17.00	28,600
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-112	2.08	15,250
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-118	2.00	5,400
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-124	2.57	16,080
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-128-1	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	9-34-4	2.38	15,830
Brown Hill Road, Land Only	9-49	1.00	800
Farrarville Road, Land Only	10-46	1.50	1,200
Peter Court, Land Only	11-77	3.36	2,690
Plummer Hill Road, Land Only	13-27	1.70	51,000
Route 107, Land Only	17-18	8.18	151,040
Belmont Mill, Land & Buildings	20-26	2.40	40,640
Church Hill, Land Only	20-41	.22	166,670
Library, Land & Building	20-42	.49	24,340
Main Street, Parking Lot	20-49	1.08	33,450
Main Street, Land Only	20-56	.26	30,860
Mill Street, Park Land & Building	21-12	3.55	930,570
Fire Station, Land & Buildings	21-62	.08	6,900
Fuller Street, Parking Lot	21-64	.08	34,400
Old American Legion Hall, Land & Building	21-70	2.77	198,090
Police Dept, Highway Dept, Park, Land & Buildings	21-73	.17	118,080
Town Hall, Land & Building	22-5-A	.00	56,000
Breck Circle, Sewer Ejector Station, Building Only			

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

STREET NAME	MAP & LOT#	ACREAGE	VALUE
Off Grey Rocks Road, Land Only	22-36-A	.15	1,400
Holly Tree Lane, Land Only	24-15	.14	3,180
Gilmanton Road, Land Only	24-104-1	.50	15,680
Jefferson Road East, Sewer Ejector Station, Bldg Only	25-4-A	.00	56,000
Jefferson Road West, Sewer Ejector Station, Bldg Only	25-39-A	.00	56,000
Sandy Beach, Sewer Ejector Station, Bldg Only	26-27-A	.00	56,000
Nancy Drive, Pumping Station, Land & Buildings	29-51-A	.45	24,730
Elaine Drive, Land Only	30-57	.27	12,810
Elaine Drive, Land Only	30-82	.25	3,350
Elaine Drive, Land Only	30-83	.28	10,130
Off Dupont Road, R.O.W., Land Only	31-21-2	.05	500
Route 3, Land Only	31-22	.21	2,100
Route 3, Land Only	31-23	.27	2,700
Route 3, Building Only	32-2-P	.00	2,450
Route 3, Building Only	32-2-Q	.00	1,090

WAGES PAID TO EMPLOYEES JANUARY 1, 1996 - DECEMBER 31, 1996

Albert Akerstrom	\$40,157.98	Roxanne L. Lawrence	3,142.46
Mark A. Akerstrom	2,336.40	Norman J. Lemay	25,537.57
Robert S. Akerstrom	1,972.05	Mark B. Lewandoski	37,678.55
Joshua A. Bagley	1,688.80	Brian J. Loanes	\$40,773.48
Everett W. Bailey	333.33	Richard Mann	30,212.09
Gary G. Boisvert	24,658.04	Diane M. Marden	5,034.36
Diana A. Bourque	277.50	James F. Marden Sr.	35,620.74
Alicia M. Boyd	403.44	Karen A. McCarty	37,827.72
Arilda M. Brown	270.00	Michael P. McCarty	46,307.12
Calvin D. Brown	270.00	Jane McLetchie	247.50
Luther Brown	32,078.54	Jeffrey P. Mellett	3,283.51
Richard A. Bryant	38,349.98	Kevin M. Mellett	649.88
David Caron	333.33	David W. Mika	1,666.70
Stephen P. Carr	1,980.53	John R. Miller	597.52
Dana B. Chase	2,221.04	Constance Mirski	332.50
Loring Child	1,146.98	Georgia Moyse	161.06
Donna J. Cilley	15,000.00	Pamela B. Mugford	2,423.02
Francis Clairmont	36,406.22	Elaine M. Murphy	7,068.70
Carl Cleveland Jr.	368.75	Thomas M. Murphy	2,537.13
Patricia Clifford	25,864.83	Michael A. Newhall	3,117.21
Steven H. Crockett	39,609.09	David C. Nielsen	41,121.17
Candace L. Daigle	27,405.00	Robert F. Normandin	2,000.04
Steven J. Dalton	1934.72	Charles B. O'Connor	34,650.09
James W. Davis	30,694.37	Brenda J. Paquette	26,596.80
Linda Davis	24.85	Robert Puffinburger	354.20
Susan L. Dupuis	280.00	Theresa D. Ralls	7,281.25
Merle Dewitt II	2,654.63	Joanne L. Ricard	11,807.12
Audrey A. Ekberg	435.00	Suzanne S. Roberts	333.34
David L. Estes	34,038.05	Anthony Rossignol	104.72
Dorothy Estes	1,359.27	John A. Rymes	274.50
Robert C. Ferris Jr.	1887.22	Timothy D. Shedd	391.55
Steven Fournier	525.00	Richard K. Siegel	35,626.29
Gregory A. Gaudet	2,085.39	Michael T. Smith	1,783.77
Wayne E. Ginnow	8,029.00	Gerd Stewart	4,500.00
Gregory W. Gordon	1,012.56	Charles D. Storez	1,328.92
Frederic J. Greene	32,829.38	Lorraine Sturtevant	247.50
Doralyn Harper	32,335.94	Matthew H. Upton	19,288.54
Bruce R. Hibbard	20,210.90	Lori Ann Walker	23,003.04
Jeffrey Huckins Sr.	782.24	Herbert I. Weeks	4,002.75
Donald E. Hurd	301.83	Frederick W. Welch	42,891.95
Susan R. Jesseman	3,462.58	Nikki J. Wheeler	275.00
Kenneth Kreis	98.66	Eric E. Wilking	2,515.01
Carol A. Lacasse	25,093.06	Linda S. Wilking	1,643.94
Norman N. Lacasse	28,661.31		
Pamela J. LaFrance	119.00		
Bradley A. Lawrence	2,893.62	TOTAL WAGES PAID	\$590,706.74

BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

This past year the Belmont Conservation Commission received major support from the Board of Selectmen. First, by the appointment of Robert Normandin as a new member of our Board, and by having a member of the Board of Selectmen on the Belmont Conservation Commission it helps to keep a line of communication open between us. Second, the Board of Selectmen appointed Diane Marden as our Secretary. Diane has worked very hard for the Belmont Conservation Commission, and has brought much needed organization to our board.

The single most important accomplishment we attained this past year was the State ordered breaching of our historic Fellows Mills Dam, located at the bottom of Church Hill. The Conservation Commission would now like to raise funds to restore this dam. The Fellows Mills Dam was a very important part in the evolution of the Town in conjunction with the Mill that is about to be rebuilt. During the process of this breaching, we learned a lot about the dams construction and operation. We were amazed at how powerful the water flow could be.

We also reviewed all Wetlands Permits within the Town, advising the State, as to whether we felt the permit should be approved or not. We also communicated with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, regarding our concerns as it applied to building permits.

Presently we have one vacancy on our board. So, should anyone in Town be interested in joining us please contact myself or Diane Marden at Town Offices. It's a really fun job, helping to protect the future of our children. The Town of Belmont is a beautiful place to live, and I enjoy being part of it. Come help to save the Wetlands!

Respectfully submitted,
Peter H. Dutile, Chairman

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1996

During 1996 the Belmont Fire Department saw a big increase in the total number of calls that we responded to. Our 1995 figures show that we responded to 594 calls and our 1996 figures show that we responded to 757 calls, for an increase of 163 calls over 1995. Even with the big increase of calls for 1996, our fire loss was under \$150,000.00. With most everyone using smoke detectors now and people using more care with their heating units it has kept the fire loss very low. The following is a breakdown of calls for 1996:

<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	
Fire Emergencies	202	223	Increase of 21 calls
Medical Emergencies	312	383	Increase of 71 calls
Mutual Aid Calls	56	47	Decrease of 9 calls
Special Service Calls	24	104	Increase of 80 calls

During the year we were very fortunate to receive two very nice donations which allowed us to purchase the letters for the front of the fire station and a hose dryer for the station. We have received many comments on how nice the new letters look. With the purchase of the new hose dryer, we will be able to have a quick turn-around on drying wet hose so we can get it back in service within 24. The system that we now use takes 5 to 6 days before the hose is dry. I would like to thank these two people very much for their donation to the Fire Department.

The Fire Department's involvement with the new safety program that was set up by Fire, Police, School and 911 personnel has ben a big hit at the Junior High School. The program was brought to the School Board for their approval and they were 100% behind this new program. This new Safety Program was also awarded the "Gold Circle Partnership" by the Governor and the Commissioner of Education on November 7, 1996. Hopefully, this new program will be used and set up as part of education for our youths on a yearly basis.

I would like to thank each and every member of the department for the many hours they have put in, serving the people of Belmont in many different ways during 1996. Department personnel put in a total of 8,759 hours responding to emergency calls and training, and have worked very hard to provide the best service possible to the citizens of Belmont. Without the support of these dedicated individuals, we would not be able to provide such a high level of service.

During 1996 we were able to purchase many items for the Town through the Federal Surplus Program. Over \$8,500 worth of goods were purchased for less than \$900. Some of the items purchased were a new office desk, filing cabinets, medical supplies, Hurst tool equipment, truck batteries and oxygen regulators.

Also, during this past year we were very busy with writing specifications for the new truck which we hope to take delivery of in April or May of 1997. This new truck will be replacing our 1969 International, which is old, tired, and rusted out. The purchase of this new truck has been approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee, and hopefully will be approved by the townspeople at the March 1997 Town Meeting.

At this time I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Department Heads, Town Administrator and the citizens of Belmont for their support of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert J. Akerstrom, III
Fire Chief

1996 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

1996 started off with more rain than snow. January was very warm, causing our dirt roads to get extremely soft, and there were many washouts as a result of the rain.

February and March brought lots of snow, with many hours devoted to plowing and sanding. January was so warm that the frost did not have time to set in deep. In the spring the mud was not as bad as prior years. The Highway Department was able to get the Town's dirt roads graded, and calcium chloride was put down as a means of dust control.

In the spring, repairs were made on all of the trucks and equipment in preparation for state inspection. Soon after, we began work on Union Road, Juniper Drive and Ladd Hill Road to prepare them for reclaiming and resurfacing.

Through the summer, brush was cut on many of the roads, and some of the rotted trees were taken down. Work was completed on Dutile Road, where we started by laying down four inches of cold mix asphalt, then put a one inch top coat of asphalt from Route 106 to Lamprey Road.

In late fall, ditch work was begun on Sunshine Drive and Silkwood Avenue. Repaving will be completed in 1997. Plows and sanders were repaired and maintained for the upcoming winter.

Plans for 1997 include completing the work on Silkwood Avenue, Sunshine Drive and part of Ladd Hill.

I would like to thank all of the other department heads for their help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Brown, Road Agent

**BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1996**

The department started out with the benefit of having just moved into our new facility on Fuller Street. Everyone was excited about having additional work space and vastly improved conditions. The building has continued throughout the year to have a positive impact upon the morale and attitude of our employees and of those who come to us for service and protection.

The Public Works Committee continued to plan improvements for the department. A plan was developed, presented to and accepted by the Board of Selectmen, to reconstruct the parking lot. The reconstruction included expanding, regrading, underdraining, and repaving the parking area that services the police department, Lakes Christian Church, and Sargent Park. This resulted in improved parking, traffic flow, and professional appearance for the entire area. The Lakes Christian Church and Parks and Recreation Department both contributed financially to the project. The Lakes Christian Church also extended an existing property easement to benefit the Town. Thank you to the Public Works Committee for the support and guidance.

On Memorial Day we held a very well attended open house to show off the new police station. The Memorial Day parade route was altered to end the parade at the police station. The building was formally dedicated. A gift of United States and New Hampshire State flags and flag poles was accepted from American Legion Post 58, whose members raised the flags for the first time as the Belmont High School Band played the National Anthem. It was wonderful to be able to share the excitement of the new facility with so many guests. Thank you Post 58 for your generosity. The flags enhance the appearance of the building and demonstrate our patriotic belief. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Mr. Raymond Craigie and the Belmont High School Band, and all those who attended the ceremony and open house.

The department was reminded of our vulnerability during 1996. We have been fortunate not to have had any serious injuries over the years. In February, Officer Lewandoski was outside his cruiser investigating a traffic accident on Route 107 when a driver who was intoxicated collided with his cruiser and came dangerously close to striking Officer Lewandoski. Fortunately Officer Lewandoski escaped injury and the driver was not seriously hurt.

In May, Officer Mann was directing traffic where a tree had fallen in the road on Route 3. During daylight hours, and while wearing a reflective traffic vest, Officer Mann was struck by a boat trailer being towed by a vehicle, as it passed by him. Officer Mann was thrown to the ground, resulting in multiple injuries. Officer Mann was hospitalized for several days and was unable to return to full duty until September. Officer Mann was sufficiently recovered to preside over the Culmination Ceremony for his first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) class in June. A class of 102 sixth grade students participated in the D.A.R.E. program this year. This year the class was made up of students from both Belmont and Canterbury. The bussing of Belmont sixth grade students to Canterbury Elementary School caused the program to be presented there and allowed Canterbury students to be included. In previous years the Canterbury students did not have the D.A.R.E. program available to them. The D.A.R.E. program continued to be a highlight of the year for both the department and our sixth grade students.

In May, Officer O'Connor was recognized by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council. He received a commendation for "outstanding contributions to the field of traffic safety through proactive traffic enforcement." Officer O'Connor was nominated by Sgt. McCarty for his consistent diligence to duty and in particular for his apprehension of people for drug violations while he was doing patrol on foot in the village area. The award speaks highly for all the members of the department who routinely strive to reduce crime and maintain a safe community through their highly visible enforcement of motor vehicle laws.

The Police Department and the department Honor Guard received special commendations from the Old Home Day Association. The certificates for "continuing outstanding service to Old Home Day" were presented by Chairman Lincoln Noel at a department meeting. We were honored and humbled to be commended for something that we enjoy doing. As a result of a special offering by Beretta USA, a firearms manufacturing company, we were able to obtain new upgraded duty weapons for the entire department this year. Officers had been issued Beretta 9mm pistols. All of them were at least 10 years old. The offering resulted in our ability to replace all of our duty weapons with brand new .40 caliber Beretta pistols. This was accomplished through the trade of our old weapons and \$110, total. The upgrade provides the officers with the newest and, according to most ballistic experts, the best caliber weapon to protect themselves and others.

Juvenile problems continue to be a significant concern to the department. We use many resources responding to and attempting to correct juvenile behavior problems. The department utilizes the Youth Services Bureau, Lakes Region Family Services, the Belknap County Sheriff's Department, and the Laconia Juvenile Court to assist us with the outcome for these youths. Parents are the best resource that we have in preventing juvenile crime. We cannot stress the importance of being involved with, and taking an interest in, the activities of your child. This contributes to open communication and improves the opportunity to know where your children are and what they are doing. Even the best of kids, which are still in the majority, get tempted and influenced by the forbidden. You, as their parent, have the opportunity to be the greatest influence on your child. Make the best of it.

Call for service activity for 1996 increased slightly over 1995. The increase over the previous year was not significant, however, the severity and the time required to handle these incidents continues to increase. The following is an itemized list of the types of calls for service received this year, and compared to 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
AID DEPARTMENTS	524	589	556	519	640	556	544
ALARMS	347	395	382	347	401	322	350
ANIMAL	482	499	538	525	672	677	639
CIVIL	188	211	208	198	196	198	240
BURGLARY	69	88	78	66	89	48	46
THEFT	255	227	220	184	160	143	184
AUTO	928	964	1060	1016	1161	1104	1112
ASSAULT	64	66	70	70	88	90	111
DISTURBANCE	221	234	217	170	156	144	184
JUVENILE	149	213	296	242	259	380	302
FRAUD/BAD CHECKS	67	34	23	30	21	27	31
LOCKOUTS	48	24	14	20	25	16	28
DOMESTICS	157	173	167	145	154	169	193
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	227	156	150	139	122	102	120
OTHER/MISC	1434	1924	2196	2320	2803	3142	3081
OTHER/CRIMINAL	176	162	200	200	197	195	222
SEX OFFENSES	16	16	21	17	18	12	21
DRUG VIOLATIONS	11	9	7	8	11	13	10
PROPERTY CHECKS	151	202	179	148	153	137	119
TOTAL	5514	6186	6582	6364	7326	7475	7536

These numbers do not represent the number of offenses known, but only the calls for service received.

The following columns give an overview of the various offenses investigated by the department and the number of people arrested as a result. Some arrests solve more than one offense.

TYPE	OFFENSES	ARRESTS
Attempted Homicide	1	0 (clr by suicide)
Forcible Rape	4	3
Aggravated Assault	4	2
Robbery	1	0
Burglary	49	5
Thefts	171	32
Auto Theft/Recovered	20	5
Assault	156	77
Arson	10	2
Forgery	23	0
Bad Checks	34	4
Receiving Stolen Property	5	2
Criminal Mischief	129	13
Weapons Offenses	2	2
Sex Offenses	22	7
Drug Violations	39	32
Offenses Against Family	5	0
DWI	29	29
Liquor Violations	8	7
Public Intoxication	56	56
Disorderly Conduct	6	2
Suicide/Unattended Death	11	0
All Other Offenses	255	80
Motor Vehicle	515	478
Runaway	28	28
TOTAL	1582	866

The same list for previous years results in totals of:

	OFFENSES	ARRESTS
1995	1419	846
1994	1401	809
1993	1288	647
1992	1495	792
1991	1592	886
1990	2049	1191
1989	1940	1159
1988	1765	1021
1987	1206	672

In addition to handling calls for service and investigations, the department issued 2872 warnings for various offenses, 1207 check-ups of people for suspicious activity or other reasons, and issued 108 parking tickets. The department investigated 183 traffic accidents. Of the accidents reported, 58 involved personal injury. We were fortunate not to have any fatal accidents.

I would like to thank all of the other town employees for their efforts and willingness to help the department whenever asked. I would especially like to thank the Fire Department and the Highway Department for responding to our many calls for assistance. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Public Works Committee, Commissions, and most importantly the members of the Police Department for their assistance and support during the course of the year.

I am very proud of the Police Department employees. They have taken on ever increasing work loads and continue to do an outstanding job for the community. The Police Department was made up of the following people during 1996:

Michael P. McCarty, Chief of Police
David C. Nielsen, Sergeant
Karen A. McCarty, Sergeant
Brian J. Loanes, Sergeant
Mark B. Lewandoski, Patrolman
Steven H. Crockett, Patrolman
Richard A. Bryant, Patrolman
David L. Estes, Patrolman
Charles B. O'Connor, Patrolman
Richard Mann, Patrolman
Lori A. Walker, Secretary

serving since January, 1972
serving since February, 1981
serving since July, 1973
serving since July, 1980
serving since April, 1978
serving since April, 1981
serving since July, 1986
serving since February, 1988
serving since January, 1989
serving since September, 1993
serving since May, 1987

Respectfully submitted,
Michael P. McCarty, Chief of Police

**REPORT OF THE BELMONT RECREATION COMMISSION
DECEMBER 1996**

Improvements to Sargent Park in 1996 were as follows:

- 1) Repaired and improved the plumbing in the restrooms JRC Plumbing.
- 2) Repaired and improved the parking lot, and main walk-way by overlaying with a one inch finish coat of hot mix asphalt. Drainage problems in this area were addressed, and solved at the same time. Thank you Mike McCarty for assistance, and coordination of the project. Thank you Phil Court, Monique, and Doug Keith Bill and David Divers, and their group of bikers and skaters who helped with the preparation of the project.
- 3) Replaced the stairs to the restrooms. Thank you Rod Pearl and Sons.
- 4) Improved and strengthened the fence around the roller-hockey rink by replacing worn and broken hardware with heavy duty braces and hinges. Thank you BII Fences.
- 5) The park has four new picnic tables. The heavy duty wood tables were donated by the Lakes Region Rotary. Thank you Larry Shapiro, and Lakes Region Rotary. Also, thanks to Ryan Giles for his help staining the tables.

The focus of the Recreation Commission in 1997 will be to continue with playground improvements as presented to the Selectmen, and Budget Committee members. In the spring of 1997 we plan to add the following equipment to the existing playground area:

- a) One super moon climber.
- b) One three seat tot swing.
- c) One two way spring saw.
- d) One 12' X 12' sandbox.
- e) One heavy duty 6' PVC picnic table set in concrete.

At the time of installation of the playground equipment we will begin the preparation of the area that is to become the bicycle/skateboard/in-line skate section of the park. This area will eventually be paved, and fenced. The 1997 progress will go only as far as funds will allow.

Additionally, I would like to thank the following people and organizations for their help at Sargent Park during the year:

The Selectmen, Budget Committee, Town Administrator, and Town Hall Employee's. The Police, Fire, and Highway Departments. The Civic Profile Committee. Thank you to the many rollerhockey players, particularly Steve Lockwood, Jim Smith, Jamie Poire, and David Court for their example of leadership, and attitude while working with the youth of Belmont.

Rob Court, Chairman

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1996

Balance on Hand 1/1/96	\$3,294.54
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REVENUE

Town Appropriation	14,833.58	
Interest on Acct.	94.49	
Fees, Fines, Donation	593.43	<u>\$15,521.50</u>
		\$18,816.04

DISBURSEMENTS:

Books and Magazines	4,356.09	
Utilities (Fuel, PSNH, Water/Sewage)	2,127.71	
Supplies/repairs	2,173.26	
Temporary Help	902.75	
Misc.(Printing, Dues, Flowers, Stamps, Seminars, Comp. Training)	864.97	
Worker's Compensation	45.00	<u>\$10,469.78</u>
Balance on Hand 1/1/97		\$8,346.26

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This year was a great year for the Town of Belmont. Below we sought to highlight many of the positive events that have taken place. With the support of the citizens of the Town of Belmont, the selectmen hope to continue to make progress in the future.

As many of you are aware, the Town of Belmont was awarded a \$1,000,000.00 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to refurbish the Belmont Mill. As directed by the voters, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator worked hard to obtain this grant. With this money the Belmont Mill will be converted into a community services facility. Presently, the Belmont Mill is slated to house many services now only available in Laconia or Concord. The Selectmen hope that the Belmont Mill will become the corner stone of the village and will eventually attract other businesses to town.

This year the Selectmen erected the "Welcome to Belmont" signs on many of the road leading to and from the town. These signs have been received with such enthusiasm we decided to place a picture of the sign on the cover of the Town report. It is hoped that these signs will help to show those who pass through town that Belmont is a proud community. This, while only a small step, is part of the selectmen's plans to enhance the town's image and attract more businesses and industrial development to town. The selectmen hope to add four more signs this year so that each major roadway in and out of Belmont has a sign at the town line.

For the first year in recent memory the tax rate was reduced by more than two dollars per thousand of valuation. While some of this reduction gain was due to a modest decrease in the school district's budget, the vast majority came from the town's portion of the tax bill. Our sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to the department heads and town employees for their diligent efforts to keep the cost of town government down. In keeping with this trend, the selectmen presented a budget for 1997 that is down significantly from last year.

As many of you have experienced first hand, the Town hall is undergoing major renovations. The portion of the Town hall that once housed the Police Department is being converted into space that will be used as a large meeting room and offices for the Town Administrator, Selectmen and Town Treasurer. After that portion of the Town Hall is complete, the remaining portions of the Town hall will be renovated as well. There will be new offices for the Building Inspector and the Planning Department. This phase of work should substantially complete the renovations to government buildings.

The only government building that remains in relatively poor condition is the town highway garage on Sargent street. In the 1997 budget, money has been allocated for the establishment of a Capital Reserve account to replace and relocate the highway garage. It is envisioned that a public works facility can be built on Hurricane Road that will house the Highway Department and a future recycling center. So that the taxpayers will not be asked to absorb all of the cost in any one year, the Budget Committee recommended that the capital reserve account be started with \$50,000.00. Hopefully, in two or three years there will be enough funds to complete the project. With what we have learned from building the fire station, we will be looking for volunteers to help keep the cost to a minimum. Thanks to the Budget Committee for identifying this need and recommending the establishment of a Capital Reserve account.

In response to the comments of many citizens, the Selectmen are looking into the issue of growth control. The Selectmen are hoping to work with other communities that are experiencing an unacceptable level of growth in the residential sector. At the same time, the Selectmen are working with local developers and regional representatives in an effort to attract commercial and industrial development. While growth control can help to keep cost down in the area of public schooling, any measures taken should be scrutinized to ensure that they do not have an adverse effect on commercial and industrial development.

The only other significant change this year has been the addition of the new Town Administrator, Matthew H. Upton. Matt comes to the town from a private law practice where he focused on school and municipal law. In the short time he has been with the Town, his law background has proven of great value in obtaining the CDBG grant and in dealing with a number of legal issues that have come up. As you can see from the 1997 budget, we expect to save almost \$20,000.00 in legal fees this year. I hope you will all take a moment to welcome Matt to Belmont.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Cilley, Chrm
Robert Normandin
David Mika

**REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND
STATE FOREST RANGER**

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

**1996 FIRE STATISTICS
(Cost Shared)**

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06
TOTAL FIRES	107

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Lee A. Gardner
Forest Ranger

Albert J. Akerstrom, III
Forest Fire Warden

WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The Winnisquam Fire Department answered 449 calls for assistance during 1996. The breakdown of our calls by basic type, and location are listed below:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Belmont</u>	<u>Sanbornton</u>	<u>Tilton</u>	<u>Mercedith</u>
Structure Fires	14	1	5	0
Chimney Fires	12	2	0	0
Alarm Activations	58	17	2	0
CO Detectors	5	1	0	1
Vehicle Fires	2	0	0	0
Brush Fires	5	1	3	0
Medical	48	49	52	6
Motor Vehicle	19	7	24	1
Other	25	12	15	1
Total	188	90	101	9

Winnisquam had only 38 medical calls (in Belmont) and 5 Other Mutual Aid calls - Laconia, Gilford, and Gilmanton - 18

Present vehicles in use are as follows:

- 1- 1968 International 750 gal. pumper, 1000 gallon tank
- 1- 1981 International 1000 gal. pumper, 1000 gallon tank
- 1- 1980 Ford Ambulance/Rescue vehicle
- 1- Forestry/Ice Rescue Jeep
- 1- Rescue Boat (seasonal)

The department consists of 30 active members (no compensation). Eighteen of the members are state certified to fire fighter Level I and 5 at Career Level. We also have 12 active EMT's, 3 certified Intermediate Level with IV certification, and 2 with End Trach. Intubation and Drug Intervention. Two more are presently in Intermediate Class.

It is our hope that with the change in the funding formula, monies for a much needed truck will be appropriated by all three towns this year. We are happy to report that the members of the WFD have reached their goal of raising \$25,000 towards the new truck. This money has come from many car washes, suppers, selling of refreshments at community events, a Halloween Haunted House, and other activities. We also received grants from First Deposit National Bank of Tilton, and the Laconia Savings Bank of Laconia. In addition, many donations from people within the area, and people we have assisted.

We have completed the installation of an automatic fire alarm system, and emergency lighting in our building. All members of the Department would like to thank the people within the communities we serve for their continued support during the 55 years our department has been in service.

Rosanna Leighton, Secretary

BELMONT WATER COMMISSION REPORT OF 1996

The past year has been less active than usual both with operation and management of the water system. No major equipment malfunction occurred and no unplanned expenditures were needed. The present physical condition of the system is good. Financially, the condition of the department has improved, with accumulated reserves increasing.

Water quality remains excellent but has some typical regional attributes of being high in iron, manganese and acidity. These are being dealt with through additives. Extensive and repeated testing of our water for bacteria and chemical contaminants indicates no further action at this time. EPA testing requirements have increased substantially over the past few years and are scheduled to increase even more over the next few. The operating budget of the water department can probably absorb these costs without a rate increase.

The water commission currently needs a third member. Please contact the Selectmen to be considered for the appointment. We also wish to thank the Highway and Sewer departments for their continued help and cooperation.

Charles Hampe
Chairman, Belmont Water Commission
Belmont N.H.

1996 SEWER COMMISSION REPORT

The Sewer Commission has overseen the completion of the Ladd Hill Project which will be finalized in the spring of 1997 when the final pavement is put down. There has been some discussion about the elderly housing project on Shaker Road. The rest of the year has been spent on routine day to day business.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Fournier, Chairman
Bruce Arey
Arthur Stewart
BELMONT SEWER COMMISSION

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY 1996

Due to the numerous calls from residents concerned about the disposal of hazardous items, the Board of Selectmen arranged for Belmont to participate in the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. This event was held on July 27, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Belmont Elementary School.

Out of 23 participating towns in the Lakes Region, Belmont had the fourth highest participation, with 121 Belmont residents bringing items such as paints, solvents, pesticides, household cleaners, motor oil and batteries for safe disposal.

As part of the collection, residents were asked to fill out a brief questionnaire upon arriving at the site. This served to gain information as to whether the 10 gallon limit was sufficient, whether residents had additional materials at home they did not know how to dispose of, how often they thought a collection was necessary, and what type of materials did they bring to the collection. This data showed most were satisfied with the current limits and that an annual collection was sufficient.

Two common types of items brought to the collection day were not accepted - latex paint and tires. Latex paint is not considered hazardous, and proper disposal involves merely opening the can, exposing the paint to the air until it dries, then tossing the can into the regular household trash for curbside pickup. Tires cannot be disposed of in the regular trash and will not be accepted at curbside, but can be disposed of (for a fee) at the Transfer Station on Meredith Center Road in Laconia. You will need an orange Belmont sticker in order to use the Transfer Station. These stickers can be obtained at the Town Clerk's window at no cost.

It is important to note that this event was successful in large part due to the efforts of those who volunteered their time to distribute posters and pamphlets advertising the collection, and those who gave up their free time on a beautiful, sunny summer day to work at the site taking surveys, collecting items and directing traffic. We would like to thank the following individuals for lending a helping hand to their community.

Josh Bagley	Tom Murphy	Mike Newhall	Merle Dewitt
Greg Gordon	Greg Gaudet	Pam Mugford	Brad Lawrence
Brenda Paquette	Sue & Dan Noyes	John Morrison	Ken Knowlton
Bill Ekberg	Diane Marden		

Our next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is planned for Saturday, July 26, 1997. We hope 1997 will be even more successful, and that residents will continue to utilize the collection to properly dispose of hazardous waste. If you should have any questions regarding waste disposal, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 267-8300.

Patti Clifford, Co-Site Coordinator
Rick Siegel, Co-Site Coordinator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 1996

JANUARY 17 Stanley Newsham request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow expansion of an existing second floor on a pre-existing nonconforming structure. Property is located at 20 Sunset Drive, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 30/40/00, ZBA #0196. GRANTED

MARCH 20 Shawn O'Connor request for a special exception of Article V. Table 1, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a single family home in the commercial zone. Property is located on Route 107, in a "C" Zone, (New)Tax Lot 13/25/01, ZBA #0296. GRANTED

APRIL 17 David Gates, Sr. request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a change from one nonconforming use (2-family dwelling) to another (multi-family 3-family dwelling). Property is located at 789 State Route 106, in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 08/142/01, ZBA #0396. GRANTED

APRIL 17 Normand and Carol Lettre request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.a. of the Zoning Ordinance to expand a nonconforming structure and a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an addition that does not conform to the road or waterside setbacks, but is not closer to either than the existing structure. Property is located at 50 Dutile Shore Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 31/13/00, ZBA #0496. GRANTED

APRIL 17 Steven Gagnon request for a variance of Article V, Table 2, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a residential garage that does not conform to the side or road setbacks. Property is located at 103 Tucker Shore Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 28/08/00, ZBA #0596. GRANTED

MAY 15 Carl Zitoli request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.c. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow expansion of a pre-existing nonconforming single family structure by adding a second floor, creating useable space. Property is located at 25 Sargent Lake Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 27/03/00, ZBA #0896. GRANTED

MAY 15 Mark & Maureen Padula request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a front porch within the front setback, but not closer to the front property line than the existing structure. Property is located at 9 Forest Drive, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 09/04/06, ZBA #0796. TABLED

MAY 15 Mark & Maureen Padula request for a variance of Article V, Table 2, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a rear deck closer to the side property line than allowed. Property is located at 9 Forest Drive, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 09/04/06, ZBA #0696. GRANTED

MAY 15 Melanie J.A. Dubreuil request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a residential garage addition to an existing residential barn, closer to the front property line than allowed, but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 628 Union Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 04/24/01. ZBA #0996. GRANTED

MAY 15 BFI Organics request for a special exception of Article V. Table 1, and Article X.F. to land apply biosolids (sludge). Property is located at 66 Hackett Road, owned by Suzanne Roberts, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 09/01/00, ZBA #1096. GRANTED

JUNE 19 Mark & Maureen Padula request for a variance of Article V, Table 2, of the Zoning Ordinance to approve existing construction, single family dwelling, constructed closer (42') to the front property line than allowed (50'). Property is located at 9 Forest Drive, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 09/04/06, ZBA #1196. GRANTED

JUNE 19 Mark & Maureen Padula tabled from previous meeting. Request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance to approve existing construction, front porch addition to a single family dwelling, constructed closer (42') to the front property line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 9 Forest Drive, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 09/04/06, ZBA #0796. GRANTED

JUNE 19 Blue Sky Ent. request for a special exception of Article III.1.j. of the Wetlands Conservation Ordinance to fill wetlands within the Wetland Conservation District for the purpose of installing a culvert in an intermittent stream for a driveway crossing. Property is located at 3 Swallow Road, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 14/22/00, ZBA #1296. GRANTED

JUNE 19 Timothy Tuttle request for a variance of Article V, Table 2, of the Zoning Ordinance to approve existing construction, single family dwelling, closer (18') to the front property line than allowed (30') and closer (20' and 24') to the 2 side lines than allowed (25'). Property is located at 6 Sunshine Drive, Solar Village, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 10/17/15, ZBA #1396. GRANTED

JUNE 19 Edward Mayer & Robert Accomando request for a variance of Article V, Table 2, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a residential garage closer (41') to the front lot line than allowed (50'). Property is located at 36 Dutile Shore Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 31/09/00, ZBA #1696. TABLED

JUNE 19 Edward Mayer & Robert Accomando request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a residential garage closer (24') to the high water mark than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 36 Dutile Shore Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 31/09/00, ZBA #1796. TABLED

JUNE 19 Mark Porter & Edmund Crawford, Jr. request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.1. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a change of use from one nonconforming use to another. Property is located at 238 Union Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 07/20/00, ZBA #1596. TABLED

JULY 17 Edward Mayer & Robert Accomando tabled from previous meeting. Request for a variance of Article V, Table 2, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an attached residential garage closer (40') to the front lot line than allowed (50'). Property is located at 36 Dutile Shore Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 31/09/00, ZBA #1696. GRANTED

JULY 17 Edward Mayer & Robert Accomando tabled from previous meeting. Request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d. of the Zoning Ordinance to construct an attached residential garage closer (24') to the high water mark than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 36 Dutile Shore Road in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 31/09/00, ZBA #1796. GRANTED

JULY 17 Mark Porter & Edmund Crawford, Jr. tabled from previous meeting. Request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.1. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a change of use from one nonconforming use to another. Property is located at 238 Union Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 07/20/00, ZBA #1596. DENIED

JULY 17 Louis & Donna Shepard request for a variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance and Article IV of the Wetlands Ordinance to demolish existing nonconforming single family residence and construct a new single family residence. The new building will be further away from the side and water property lines than the existing building, but will still be closer (40') to the high water mark than allowed (50') and closer (11' & 11') to the side property lines than allowed (12.5'). Property is located at 128 Fox Hill Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 26/25/00, ZBA #1896. GRANTED

JULY 17 Louis & Donna Shepard request for a variance of Article V. Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a new detached residential garage closer (18') to the road property line than allowed (50') and closer (10' and 10') to the side property lines than allowed (12.5'). Property is located at 128 Fox Hill Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 26/25/00, ZBA #1996. GRANTED

JULY 17 Carl & Nicolette Zitoli request for a special exception of Article V. Table 1. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow installation of in-law apartment within single family structure. Property is located at 25 Sargent Lake Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 27/03/00, ZBA #2096. GRANTED

JULY 17 Charles Alward request for a special exception of Article VIII.3.d. of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a 748 sq. ft. addition to a commercial building. Addition will be closer (33.5') to the front property line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing building. Property is located at 1276 State Route 106 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 24/01/00, ZBA #2196. GRANTED

JULY 17 Stasia M. Poirer request for a variance of Article XII. of the Zoning Ordinance to place a second, detached, single family residence on property already containing one single family residence. Property is located at 33 Jamestown Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 19/17/00, ZBA #2296. DENIED

AUGUST 21 Carl & Nicolette Zitoli request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a deck that was constructed closer (31') to the high water mark than allowed, but not closer than the existing building. Property is located at 25 Sargent Lake Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 27/03/00, ZBA #2396. GRANTED

AUGUST 21 Clive & Carlene Roberts request for a variance of Article V. Table 2. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a subdivision creating a lot with less frontage (134') than required (180'). Property is located on Perkins & Hackett Roads, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 06/32/00. ZBA #2496. GRANTED

AUGUST 21 Doane-Ruggles, Inc. d/b/a Irving Oil request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.a.&d. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow expansion of an existing gas pump canopy. Expansion will be closer (2') to the property line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing canopy. Property is located at 1288 State Route 106, in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 21/07/00, ZBA #2596. GRANTED

AUGUST 21 C&P Leasing request for a variance of Article IV.C. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow erection of a commercial radio tower taller (50') than allowed (45'). Property is located at 94 Bishop Road & Rte 106 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 13/02/00, ZBA #2796. DENIED

AUGUST 21 Knight Radio, Inc. request for a special exception of Article V. Table 1. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow initiation of a commercial radio installation. Property is located at 94 Bishop Road & Rte 106 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 13/02/00, ZBA #2696. GRANTED

AUGUST 21 Thomas Marks request for a variance of Article IV.D. of the Zoning Ordinance to expand an existing commercial use without providing required on site parking. Property is located at 523 State Route 106, in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 11/67/00, ZBA #2896. DENIED

SEPTEMBER 18 Peter DeJager Sr. request for a special exception of Article V.A. Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow installation of one single family dwelling. Property is located at 1150 State Route 106 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 05/55/00, ZBA #2996. GRANTED

OCTOBER 16 Frank and Jemma Bartolotta request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.c. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a dormer on an existing dwelling, creating useable space, within the setback. Property is located at 142 Jefferson Road East, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 25/28/00, ZBA #3096. GRANTED

October 16 BMC General Contractors request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an addition to a storage building where the addition will be closer (42') to the property line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing building. Property is located at 24 Old Prescott Hill Road (NYNEX) in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 13/13/03, ZBA #3196. GRANTED

NOVEMBER 20 Kathleen Ann Timbas request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an addition to a pre-existing nonconforming structure where the addition will be closer to the road and highwater lines than allowed, but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 16 Dutile Shore Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 31/04/00, ZBA #3296. GRANTED

NOVEMBER 20 Charlotte S. Dalton request for a variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in the size of a pre-existing nonconforming lot. Property is located at 1077 State Route 107 in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 12/54/00, ZBA #3396. DENIED

NOVEMBER 20 Marshall and Marquerite Ford request for a variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to create a lot with less than the required road frontage. Property is located 1133 State Route 107 (new lot to front on Hoadley Rd) in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 12/56/00, ZBA #3496. DENIED

DECEMBER 18 Eric E. and Linda S. Wilking request for a Variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to approve previous construction of a storage building closer (22') to the front property line than allowed (50'). Property is located at 156 Hoadley Road, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 14/04/06, ZBA #3596. DENIED

DECEMBER 18 Richard Gosselin for Mallard's Landing request for a variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance and Article IV of the Wetlands Ordinance to allow erection of a shed closer (25') to an unrelated structure than allowed (30') and closer (20') to a brook than allowed (50'). Property is located at Site 23P, Mallard's Landing, 200 Union Rd in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 29/01/23P, ZBA #3696. DENIED

DECEMBER 18 Frank Agnes for Mallard's landing request for a variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow replacement of a 8'x 32' manufactured housing unit with a 12'x 28' manufactured housing unit with an additional 12'x 8' deck. The new unit will be closer (24' & 25') to both adjacent units than allowed (30'). Property is located at Site 31N, Mallard's Landing, 200 Union Rd in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 29/01/31N, ZBA #3796. GRANTED

DECEMBER 18 Richard D. Houle request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an addition to an existing nonconforming structure where the addition will be closer (30') to the front property line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 1045 State Route 107, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot #12/32/00, ZBA #3896. GRANTED

DECEMBER 18 Katherine E. Murphy request for a special exception of Article VIII.3.c & d of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of additions to an existing nonconforming structure where the additions will be closer (8') to the high water mark than allowed (50'), but not closer than existing structure. Property is located at 43 Coons Point Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot #16/03/00, ZBA #3996. TABLED

DECEMBER 18 Jeffrey N. Huckins request for a special exception of Article VIII.A.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an addition to an existing nonconforming structure where the addition will be closer (23') to the front property line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 9 Pinecrest Lane, in an "RM" Zone, Tax Lot 24/18/00, ZBA #4196. GRANTED

DECEMBER 18 Lynne Fournier request for a variance of Article IV of the Wetland Ordinance to demolish the existing nonconforming structure and to construct a new structure. The new structure will be further from the water line than the existing building, but still closer (19') than allowed (50'). Property is located at 105 Tucker Shore Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 28/09/00, ZBA #4296. DENIED

**BELMONT PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
1996**

Although the number of Subdivision applications was down from the number submitted in 1995 (11), the remaining applications submitted to the Board during 1996 remained steady.

Subdivisions	6
Site Plans	13
Boundary Line Adjustments	3
Lot Mergers	3
Earth Excavation Permits	1
Approval Extensions	6
Revocation Approvals	2
Informal Discussions	18
Abutters' and Public Hearings	41
Meetings & Work Sessions	22

<u>Number of 1996 Commercial Permits Issued</u>	<u>Total Value of</u>
<u>New/ Construction</u>	<u>Renovation</u>
1 - New Commercial Construction Permits	\$565, 600.00
8 - Commercial Renovation Permits	

During 1996 the Board compiled a binder of all related Town Land Use information and Regulations. Binders were presented to the members of all Town Land Use Boards and Commissions as well as other Town Officials and Departments. The Board is also continuing to draft amendments to some of the older Regulations now in effect.

We continued to work closely with owners of developments which were created several years ago, but never completed. Concerns centered around road completion, drainage items and preexisting land uses. Technical review assistance was received through the Belknap County Conservation District.

In considering amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for 1997, the Board had several issues to deal with. As always, some of the proposed amendments are to clarify areas of the Ordinance which are not now clearly stated. In making such clarifications, the Ordinance becomes more "user friendly" and is not subject to individual "interpretations". By continuing to make such changes we can maintain a "living" Ordinance which directly reflects the ever changing needs and vision of the community. The Board also met with representatives and home owners from within the Sargent Lake area in regards to the overall zoning for that area.

Some additionally proposed amendments which are not simply clarifications of the existing Ordinance include requiring minimum construction standards for manufactured housing units; limiting the number and size of signs and billboards; and requiring that the primary use of commercially zoned lots be for commercial uses. The Board is also proposing an amendment to ban land spreading of biosolids/sludge as they feel that there is not sufficient information at this time to adequately project long term impacts on water quality and health. Also on the ballot will be a proposed amendment to recategorize Prime Wetlands, as identified on our Town Wetlands Map, as Prime Wetland Candidates. This will allow further evidence to be submitted on a case by case basis before any one wetlands is designated as Prime. In this way any errors found in the 1989 map can be corrected at the local level without having to make application to the State.

Based on the Town's progress in enacting E911 within the community, the Board will shortly begin converting their records to reflect new property addresses.

There are still openings for Alternate Members and citizens are encouraged to become involved. Alternate Members are appointed by the Planning Board and any interested individual may contact any Member or the Planning Office. The Board Members wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the community for their support and assistance during 1996.

Reginald Caldwell
Chairman Town of Belmont

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1996

1996 was another successful year for the Town of Belmont. Although there was a slight decrease in permits issued, overall totals were the second highest since 1989. 219 permits were issued this past year showing a decrease of 18%, although (6) six new businesses have been established. The area of greatest increase was Commercial/Industrial Alterations.

The following permits were issued for 1996:

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	1996	1995	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Single Family	12	11	1
Two Family	0	0	0
Multi-Family	0	0	0
Manufactured Housing Units	2	37	-5
Residential Additions/ Alterations	66	72	-6
Accessory Buildings (Garages, Sheds, etc.)	50	60	-10
Public Buildings	0	3	-3
Public Building Alterations	2	0	+2
Commercial/Industrial	1	4	-3
Commercial/Industrial Alterations	8	3	+5
Demolition	14	23	-9
Other (Signs, Pools, etc.)	25	35	-10
Permits (Electrical, Plumbing) (Mechanical)	9	10	-1
TOTAL PERMITS	219	258	-39

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION: Residential - \$2,900,444.00

Commercial/Industrial - \$565,600.00

TOTAL - \$3,466,044.00

NOTE: The number of permits issued does include replacements and relocations and therefore does not represent the actual number of housing units created during the year.

In Belmont's Service,
Gary G. Boisvert
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1996 CIRCULATION

Non-Fiction:	Adult	575
	Juvenile	875
Fiction:	Adult	3,903
	Juvenile	5,473
Magazines & Videos:		10,822
Circulation:		1,012
Borrowed through ILL		104
Loaned through ILL		14
		<u>11,956</u>

We are still discarding old books. Last year this amounted to 306. We added a total of 344 new books this year. A total of 179 Patrons signed up for Library cards, bringing our total number of Patrons to 1,408.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank three people who were very helpful to me this past year. *Susan Rhodes, Betsy Fitzgerald, Polly Murphy, and Athalie Rand*. The hours they volunteered was greatly appreciated.

As I have told everyone that comes into the Library, we are now on-line with the NH State Library, and through ILL (Inner-Library-Loan) we can get almost any book you want. We are also able to get articles through "Article Express," which is a documentary delivery service.

The Trustees and I hope that within the next few years we can become fully automated taking a big step into the future for the Town of Belmont. The Library is here for you. Please come in to see the changes that have been made. Borrow a book or magazine. See what you can do to help your Library grow.

Respectfully submitted
Joanne Ricard, Librarian

Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	12:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	11:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00 noon

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS.

You are hereby notified to meet for the 1997 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Belmont to be holden in two sessions as follows:

FIRST SESSION

The FIRST SESSION shall be holden at the Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire, on the 11th day of March next, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

THE PLANNING BOARD SUPPORTS AND RECOMMENDS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Require that Manufactured Housing units brought into the Town of Belmont meet the minimum safety/construction standards of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development in place as of January 1, 1985 and amend definition of "Manufactured Housing" to match the State definition. (Article XII)

YES ☐

NO ☐

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt the State definition for "Recreational Vehicles". If there is more than one Recreational Vehicle on a tax lot, any additional unit(s) 320 square feet or larger in size shall be considered a structure. (Article XII)

YES ☐

NO ☐

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend the method used to measure structure "height" and exempt aggregate processing plants (including, but not limited to, aggregate crushing and wash plants) from height restrictions. (Article IV.C)

YES ☐

NO ☐

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt the State definition for "Wetlands". (Article XII)

YES ☐

NO ☐

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt regulations for the total number of freestanding signs/billboards allowed per lot, the maximum allowed size for each billboard and the total square footage of free standing signage allowed per lot. Also place all sign related sections of the Ordinance under one Article. (Articles IV.J. & XII)

YES ☐

NO ☐

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Require that lots in the Commercial Zone be used primarily for businesses and allow a residence on the lot only when there is a business operating on the property and occupancy of the residence is limited to the owner of that business. (Article X.F.2.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Demolition permit applications shall be signed by both the structure owner and the land owner and a copy filed with the Planning Board. (Article IV.F.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt a definition for fences and regulate the placement of fences. (Articles V.2. & XII)

YES ☐

NO ☐

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Clarify that "setback" required from roads shall be only from public road Right of Way and/or public road easement. (Article XII)

YES ☐

NO ☐

11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Clarify that nonconforming buildings may be voluntarily demolished and rebuilt only if the nonconformity, the degree of nonconformity, and the dimensions of the existing structure within the setback are not increased. (Article VIII.B.2.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Change the method of appointing Zoning Board of Adjustment Members to election by the voters on the Official Ballot at Town Meeting. Include provisions for appointing five Alternate Members and for filling vacancies that occur between elections. (Article X.A.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Restrict expansions of nonconforming buildings within the setback to 40%. If more than 75% of the original structure is voluntarily removed, the structure shall be considered removed entirely and shall be subject to the terms of the Ordinance for replacement. (Articles VIII.A.3.d. & g.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

14. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Prohibit the storage, processing, and application of wastewater treatment sludge/biosolids in all zones, including, but not limited to, sewage, paper and pulp mill sludge, whether it be wet, dry, composted, pelletized, mixed with other materials or injected on or into the land. (Articles V.1. & XII)

YES ☐

NO ☐

15. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Wetlands Conservation Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt definition for "Excavation" and require that Earth Excavation Operations maintain minimum setbacks from Wetlands and Water. (Articles IV & VII)

YES ☐

NO ☐

16. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Wetlands Conservation Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt the State's definition of Wetlands and include in definition of Wetlands Conservation District. Update the Ordinance to reflect the change in name of the State Wetlands agency. (Articles II.2, III.1, III.1.g., III.1.h., III.1.j., IV & VII)

YES ☐

NO ☐

17. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Wetlands Conservation Ordinance and Wetlands & Prime Wetlands Map & Report, as follows:

Areas identified in the Ordinance, Report and on the Map as "Prime Wetlands" shall be reclassified as "Prime Wetlands Candidates" only. This will allow additional information to be submitted before making a final determination on whether an area is a Prime Wetland and any errors found in the existing information can be corrected at the Town level without making application to the State of NH, Wetlands Bureau. (Articles II.3., IV, VII.j., Wetlands & Prime Wetlands Map & Report)

YES ☐

NO ☐

NOTE: AN OFFICIAL COPY OF THE ABOVE AMENDMENTS ARE ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK, AND WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY AT THE ROLAND S. KIMBALL AUDITORIUM, BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL, ON THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

SECOND SESSION

The **SECOND SESSION** shall be holden at the Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont New Hampshire, on the 15th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

ARTICLE #1 To hear and act upon the Reports of Committees.

ARTICLE #2 To see what the Town will do with the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund.

ARTICLE #3 To see if the Town will vote to establish a general cemetery maintenance fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, the income and principal in said fund to be totally expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees for purposes of cemetery maintenance, and to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to be placed in this fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$244,899 to purchase a new Fire Engine and to authorize the withdrawal of \$145,311, plus interest, from the Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose, along with \$50,000 from 1996 surplus funds. The remaining \$49,558 is to come from general taxation.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purchase of a Defibrillator, Ambulance Cot, Mobile Computer & Related Software and to authorize the withdrawal of the entire \$20,000 from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund established for that purpose.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #6 Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Belmont, based upon the assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$45,000; for a person 80 years or older \$60,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have net income of not more than \$18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,500; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the established Capital Reserve Fund for improvements to Cotton Hill Road in accordance with RSA Chapter 35.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$187,222 for the reconstruction of highways, said appropriation to be funded by \$123,105.82 from Highway Block Grant Funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, the balance of \$64,116.18 to come from general taxation.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,200 to purchase a new Fire Engine for the Winnisquam Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of \$19,701, plus interest, from the Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. The balance of \$49,499 is to come from \$25,500 in 1996 surplus funds and \$23,999 to be raised from general taxation.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #10 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a Public Works Facility and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in this fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #11 To see if the Town will vote to abolish the elected position of Road Agent and instead allow the Selectmen to appoint, supervise and oversee the appointed position of Director of Public Works. The passage of this article will result in the appointment of a Public Works Director upon the expiration of the current Road Agent's term in March 1998.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,687 for Water Distribution and Treatment expenses for the ensuing year.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$243,334 for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,768,711 to fund the Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Line Item	Expended 1996	Requested Dept	Recommend Selectmen	Recommend Bud. Comm
TOWN BUDGET	\$2,725,176	\$2,841,795	\$2,723,611	\$2,768,711

BUDGET DETAIL

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Salary-Selectmen	5,667	7,500	7,500	7,500
Salary-Trustee, Trust Funds	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Salary-Moderator	525	225	225	225
Salary-Town Administrator	57,767	45,500	45,500	45,500
Salary-Exec. Secretary	25,067	26,392	26,392	26,392
Salary-Extra Hire	5,034	7,000	7,000	7,000
Salary-Overtime	797	1,000	1,000	1,000
Telephone	2,393	2,500	3,500	3,500
Postage	799	1,100	1,100	1,100
Service Contracts	5,564	5,000	5,000	5,000
Computer	2,894	3,800	3,800	3,800
Printing	190	200	200	200
Public Notice Expense	218	1,000	750	750
Advertising	871	1,000	750	750
Belknap Cnty Registry	174	500	500	500
Conferences	319	1,200	1,200	1,200
Dues	1,099	1,200	1,200	1,200
LR Planning Commission	5,289	5,220	0	0
Books & Periodicals	1,214	1,300	1,300	1,300
Subscriptions	95	125	125	125
Training & Mileage	304	1,200	800	800
NHMA Dues	2,013	2,295	2,295	2,295
Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Equip Repairs & Maint	1,823	550	555	555
Copier Lease - Service	0	1,620	1,620	1,620
Supplies	1,737	1,300	1,300	1,300
Stationary	215	275	275	275
Printing Town Report	3,370	3,800	3,800	3,800
Engineering Services	5,287	12,000	10,000	10,000
General Expense	258	500	500	500
TOTAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE	\$132,985	\$137,302	\$130,187	\$130,187

Line Item	Expended 1996	Requested Dept	Recommend Selectmen	Recommend Bud. Comm
ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITAL STATISTICS				
Salary-Town Clerk	16,168	16,897	16,897	16,897
Salary-Deputy Town Clerk	12,221	12,652	12,652	12,652
Salary-Ballot Clerks	1,620	400	400	400
Salary-Supervisors, Checklist	1,015	400	400	400
Salary-Extra Hire	8,641	8,000	8,000	8,000
Salary-Overtime	0	500	500	500
Telephone	529	1,125	600	600
Postage	576	500	500	500
Service Contracts	360	1,500	550	550
Printing	726	1,000	1,000	1,000
Advertising	170	300	300	300
Conferences	196	400	250	250
Dues	20	50	50	50
Meals	335	125	125	125
Equipment Maint & Repair	0	100	100	100
Supplies	806	800	700	700
Stationary	0	100	0	0
Forms	0	100	50	50
Supervisors Expense	2,618	700	1,500	1,500
TOTAL ELECT REG & VITALS	\$46,000	\$45,649	\$44,574	\$44,574

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Salary-Accountant	26,596	28,267	28,267	28,267
Salary-Treasurer	4,500	5,000	5,000	5,000
Salary-Tax Collector	16,168	16,897	16,897	16,897
Salary-Deputy Tax Collector	12,221	12,652	12,652	12,652
Salary-Overtime	651	700	600	600
Budget Committee Expenses	345	500	500	500
Telephone	290	700	400	400
Postage	4,368	7,000	5,000	5,000
Belknap County Registry	1,827	2,800	2,000	2,000
Title Search	640	1,600	1,000	1,000
Conferences	376	400	400	400
Dues	40	75	50	50
Equipment	0	500	0	0
Equipment Maintenance	0	250	100	100
Annual Audit	4,075	6,000	6,000	6,000
Supplies	411	400	400	400
Stationary	0	200	100	100
Tax Bill Forms	2,037	2,400	2,200	2,200
Treasurer General Expense	53	2,195	2,195	2,195
Accountant General Expense	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMIN	\$79,099	\$93,036	\$88,261	\$88,261

Line Item	Expended 1996	Requested Dept	Recommend Selectmen	Recommend Bud. Comm
PROPERTY REVALUATION				
Property Appraisal Fees	20,440	8,500	8,500	8,500
Appraisal Fees-Appeals	0	8,000	8,000	8,000
TOTAL PROPERTY REVALUATION	\$20,440	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500
LEGAL & JUDICIAL				
Salary-Town Administrator	0	13,500	13,500	13,500
Legal Expenses	37,381	7,000	7,000	7,000
Legal Expenses Dogs	0	100	0	0
Legal Expenses Damages	0	200	0	0
TOTAL LEGAL & JUDICIAL	\$37,381	\$20,800	\$20,500	\$20,500
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION				
Town Share FICA	31,163	32,177	32,177	32,177
Town Share Medicare	9,550	10,936	10,936	10,936
Town Share Health Insurance	54,174	58,400	58,400	58,400
Union Health Insurance	45,952	41,613	41,613	41,613
Disability & Life Insurance	5,037	6,460	6,460	6,460
Union Dental Insurance	2,616	2,999	2,999	2,999
Town Share Dental Insurance	0	4,099	4,099	4,099
Police Dept Retirement	10,354	13,786	13,786	13,786
Fire Dept Retirement	7,044	8,145	8,145	8,145
Employees Retirement	11,393	14,937	14,937	14,937
TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMIN	\$177,284	\$193,552	\$193,552	\$193,552
PLANNING BOARD				
Salary-Administrator	24,005	26,000	26,000	26,000
Salary-Clerk	9,286	12,140	12,140	12,140
Telephone	106	150	150	150
Postage	1,101	1,400	1,400	1,400
Printing	1,107	1,200	1,200	1,200
Public Notices	1,588	1,400	1,400	1,400
Legal Expenses	1,952	2,500	2,000	2,000
Publications	1,052	1,059	1,059	1,059
Supplies	271	350	350	350
Master Plan Update	2,480	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	\$42,947	\$48,199	\$47,699	\$47,699

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ZONING BOARD				
Salary-Administrator	3,920	5,200	5,200	5,200
Salary-Clerk	2,217	2,239	2,291	2,291
Telephone	2	50	50	50
Postage	827	800	800	800
Public Notices	557	750	750	750
Legal Expenses	2,808	3,000	1,000	1,000
Publications	150	175	175	175
Training	0	200	200	200
Supplies	113	250	250	250
TOTAL ZONING BOARD	\$10,593	\$12,664	\$10,716	\$10,716
TAX MAP EXPENSES				
Tax Map Update Expenses	990	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL TAX MAP EXPENSES	\$990	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS				
Building Repair & Maintenance	2,847	6,000	6,000	10,700
Electric	2,439	4,500	4,500	4,500
Heat	1,431	2,000	2,000	2,000
Water Rent	65	150	150	150
Sewer Rent	306	350	350	350
Hydrant Rent	9,600	10,000	10,000	10,000
Equipment	0	150	150	150
Custodial Services	1,680	2,000	2,000	2,000
Supplies	63	350	350	350
Ground Maintenance	4,279	6,000	6,000	6,000
TOTAL GEN GOVERNMENT BUILDING	\$22,710	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$36,200
CEMETERIES				
Cemetery General Expense	8,066	3,810	3,810	3,810
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$8,066	\$3,810	\$3,810	\$3,810
INSURANCE				
NHMA Worker's Compensation	36,600	47,518	47,518	47,518
NHMA Liability Trust	49,108	65,000	65,000	65,000
Insurance Contingency	533	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL INSURANCE	\$86,241	\$113,518	\$113,518	\$113,518

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POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Salary-Police Chief	45,415	46,185	47,259	47,259
Salary-Sergeant # 1	35,589	39,936	37,140	37,140
Salary-Sergeant # 2	35,214	36,936	36,629	36,629
Salary-Sergeant # 3	35,214	36,936	36,629	36,629
Salary-Patrolman # 1	30,644	31,078	31,801	31,801
Salary-Patrolman # 2	32,464	33,033	33,801	33,801
Salary-Patrolman # 3	28,969	30,275	30,970	30,970
Salary-Patrolman # 4	32,464	35,033	35,848	35,848
Salary-Patrolman # 5	28,969	29,275	29,946	29,946
Salary-Patrolman # 6	26,281	27,009	27,636	27,636
Salary-Patrolman # 7	0	14,000	0	0
Salary-Secretary	22,870	25,147	24,691	24,691
Salary-Dog Control Officer	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Salary-Part Time Secretary	119	4,000	2,000	2,000
Salary-Holiday Pay	17,938	18,000	18,000	18,000
Salary-Special Duty Pay	5,358	5,000	5,000	5,000
Salary Adjustment		8,745	0	0
Salary-Overtime	27,194	25,400	24,300	24,300
Office Expense	1,035	1,200	1,200	1,200
Telephone	8,338	7,500	7,500	7,500
Uniforms	3,013	3,500	3,500	3,500
Electric	2,888	3,000	3,000	3,000
Heat	557	1,200	1,200	1,200
Water Rent	121	100	100	100
Sewer Rent	226	200	200	200
Postage	372	500	500	500
Mileage Reimburs-Dog Officer	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Service Contracts	1,730	2,275	2,275	2,275
Computer	1,023	2,000	2,000	2,000
Printing & Forms	1,054	1,000	1,000	1,000
Legal Expenses	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Conferences	1,500	1,500	750	1,500
Dues	225	275	275	275
Associations	9	50	50	50
Books & Periodicals	1,062	1,000	1,000	1,000
Professional Services	741	2,000	1,500	1,500
Training	2,400	2,500	3,500	3,500
Equipment	1,262	1,300	1,300	1,300
Special Equip (Ammunition)	975	1,000	1,000	1,000
Photo Lab & Blood Test	2,306	2,500	2,500	2,500
Medical Expenses	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Custodial Services	2,651	3,000	2,500	2,500
Investigation Expense	0	300	300	300
Supplies	1,554	1,500	1,500	1,500
Vehicle Repairs & Maint	4,056	5,000	4,500	4,500
Vehicle Fuel	6,016	7,000	7,000	7,000
Tires	1,344	2,000	2,000	2,000
Radio & Radar Repairs	2,498	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$453,658	\$508,888	\$483,300	\$484,050

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AMBULANCE				
Salary-Training	3,670	8,400	8,400	8,400
Equipment	2,214	2,500	2,500	2,500
Medical Supplies	1,119	2,100	2,100	2,100
Medical Expenses	63	1,200	600	600
Comstar Fees	8,115	6,700	6,700	6,700
TOTAL AMBULANCE	\$15,181	\$20,900	\$20,300	\$20,300
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Salary-Fire Chief	39,959	43,900	41,697	41,697
Salary-Deputy Chief	35,430	38,750	36,933	36,933
Salary-Firefighter/EMT	26,816	27,855	27,855	27,855
Salary-Firefighter/EMT	26,293	27,855	27,855	27,855
Salary-Volunteers	40,832	45,885	42,100	42,100
Salary-Volunteers Training	8,848	11,500	10,000	10,000
Salary-Station Coverage	2,605	5,531	5,531	5,531
Salary-Extra Hire	0	5,000	6,000	6,000
Salary-Overtime Emergency	6,622	9,310	7,300	7,300
Salary-Overtime Training	1,362	2,100	1,750	1,750
Office Expense	623	1,500	850	850
Telephone	2,178	2,800	2,500	2,500
Uniforms	1,580	1,975	1,750	1,750
Electric	5,102	5,100	5,100	5,100
Heat	3,540	4,500	4,100	4,100
Water Rent	75	250	100	100
Sewer Rent	256	325	250	250
Postage	239	250	250	250
Computer	3,135	4,500	4,500	4,500
Conferences	400	650	650	650
Dues	365	600	600	600
Books & Periodicals	99	165	165	165
Subscriptions	108	125	125	125
Training	1,400	3,000	2,500	2,500
Equipment	725	750	750	750
Equipment Maint & Repair	1,639	2,000	1,500	1,500
Building Maintenance	573	2,500	2,000	2,000
Medical Expenses	63	1,500	1,000	1,000
Fire Prevention	634	1,250	1,250	1,250
Supplies	2,834	3,300	3,300	3,300
Vehicle Repair & Parts	9,581	10,000	8,500	8,500
Vehicle Fuel	2,571	3,300	2,800	2,800
Tires	1,330	2,300	2,300	2,300
Radio Repairs	628	1,400	1,400	1,400
General Expense	203	700	500	500
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$228,649	\$272,426	\$255,761	\$255,761

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FOREST FIRE				
Salary-Forest Fire	290	600	600	600
Supplies	3,117	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL FOREST FIRE	---\$3,407	---\$3,100	---\$3,100	---\$3,100
WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPT				
Winnisquam Fire Department	16,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPT	---\$16,000	---\$25,000	---\$25,000	---\$25,000
BUILDING INSPECTION				
Salary-Building Inspector	19,972	20,608	20,608	20,608
Salary-Overtime	145	0	0	0
Office Expenses	124	150	150	150
Telephone	157	150	150	150
Postage	168	150	150	150
Dues/Membership	1,224	1,500	1,400	1,400
Vehicle Repair & Maint	1,125	1,000	1,000	1,000
Vehicle Fuel	276	300	300	300
Tires	299	200	200	200
General Expense	622	250	250	250
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTION	---\$24,113	---\$24,308	---\$24,208	---\$24,208
EMERGENCY / CIVIL DEFENSE				
General Expense	67	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL EMERGENCY / CIVIL DEFENSE	---\$67	---\$1,000	---\$1,000	---\$1,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
Salary-Highway Supervisor	32,079	33,277	33,277	33,277
Telephone	674	600	600	600
Electric	1,275	1,500	1,500	1,500
Heating Fuel	1,919	2,500	2,500	2,500
Water Rent	41	40	40	40
Sewer Rent	237	240	240	240
Conferences	0	150	150	150
NH Occupational Testing	0	600	600	600
Supplies	68	150	125	125
Salary-Equipment Operator #1	7,860	21,284	21,284	21,284
Salary-Equipment Operator #2	17,839	25,458	25,458	25,458
Salary-Equipment Operator #3	24,956	25,625	25,625	25,625
Salary-Equipment Operator #4	21,870	22,369	22,369	22,369
Salary-Equipment Operator #5	30,208	31,244	31,244	31,244
Salary-Extra Hire	2,735	2,000	2,000	7,000

Line Item	Expended 1996	Requested Dept	Recommend Selectmen	Recommend Bud. Comm
Salary-Overtime	16,701	16,000	16,000	16,000
Protective Clothing	379	500	500	500
Equipment Purchases	262	1,200	1,200	1,200
Equipment Maint & Repair	314	300	150	150
Supplies	495	500	500	500
Vehicle Repair & Maint	20,118	14,000	12,000	12,000
Vehicle Fuel	7,085	10,000	8,000	8,000
Tires	2,591	3,500	3,500	3,500
Radio Repairs	0	300	150	150
Chains	0	200	200	200
Lubricants	1,463	1,400	1,400	1,400
Street Signs	1,404	2,000	5,000	5,000
Street Painting	842	850	850	3,250
Seal Coating	0	9,000	2,000	9,000
Sand	17,372	15,000	15,000	15,000
Sweeping	850	1,000	1,000	1,000
Cold Patch	1,840	1,500	1,500	1,500
Equipment Hire	1,599	7,500	2,500	2,500
Tools	318	600	600	600
Salt	30,994	30,000	20,000	25,000
Asphalt	9,171	25,000	25,000	25,000
Gravel	3,947	6,500	6,500	13,000
Calcium Chloride/Dust Control	5,103	5,500	5,500	5,500
Brush Control	1,721	2,000	2,000	2,000
Tree Removal	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Culverts	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Drainage	76	500	500	500
Guard Rails	235	2,000	1,000	1,000
General Expense	2,742	1,000	500	500
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$271,882	\$328,887	\$304,062	\$329,962
STREET LIGHTING				
Electricity	3,893	4,000	4,000	4,000
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	\$3,893	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
SANITATION-SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL				
Contract For Pickups	99,800	99,800	99,800	99,800
Transfer Station Expenses	4,704	2,000	2,000	2,000
Concord Cooperative	191,715	200,000	200,000	200,000
Recycling	3,211	4,000	4,000	4,000
Hazardous Waste	4,336	4,336	4,336	4,336
Landfill Monitoring Wells	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$303,767	\$312,636	\$312,636	\$312,636

Line Item	Expended 1996	Requested Dept	Recommend Selectmen	Recommend Bud. Comm
ANIMAL EXPENSES				
Animal Holding Expenses	2,273	879	879	879
TOTAL ANIMAL EXPENSES	\$2,273	\$879	\$879	\$879
HEALTH AGENCIES				
Community Health & Hospice	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500
Community Action Program	4,544	4,771	4,771	4,771
Lakes Region Family Services	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
Youth Services Bureau	11,000	12,184	12,184	12,184
New Beginnings - Crisis Ctr	500	1,000	1,000	1,000
American Red Cross	1,200	2,400	1,400	1,400
TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES	\$34,244	\$37,855	\$36,855	\$36,855
WELFARE ADMINISTRATION				
Salary-Welfare Administrator	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Telephone	0	300	300	300
Dues	25	25	25	25
Supplies	1,000	100	100	100
TOTAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	\$14,025	\$13,425	\$13,425	\$13,425
WELFARE VENDOR PAYMENTS				
Housing	32,565	40,000	40,000	40,000
Food	2,835	2,200	2,200	2,200
Utilities	14,983	13,000	13,000	13,000
Gasoline	30	100	100	100
Heating	2,302	4,000	4,000	4,000
Clothing	100	100	100	100
Medical Expenses	833	1,000	1,000	1,000
Household Necessities	0	500	500	500
Other Expenses	1,215	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL WELFARE VEN. PAYMENTS	\$54,863	\$61,900	\$61,900	\$61,900
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Electric	999	1,000	1,000	1,000
Water	21	100	100	100
Equipment	8,660	7,900	7,900	7,900
Maintenance & Repairs	3,223	4,000	4,000	4,000
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$12,903	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000

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LIBRARY				
Salary-Library	11,807	13,580	13,580	13,580
General Expenses	14,345	16,171	16,171	16,171
TOTAL LIBRARY	<u>\$26,152</u>	<u>\$29,751</u>	<u>\$29,751</u>	<u>\$29,751</u>
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES				
Old Home Day	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,000
Fireworks	4,500	10,000	5,000	4,500
Memorial Day	350	350	350	350
Civic Profile Steering Comm	1,999	2,000	2,000	2,000
Beautification Comm Gen Exp	160	400	400	400
TOTAL PATRIOTIC	<u>\$9,509</u>	<u>\$15,250</u>	<u>\$10,250</u>	<u>\$10,250</u>
CONSERVATION COMM				
General Expenses	470	2,306	2,306	2,306
TOTAL CONSERVATION	<u>\$470</u>	<u>\$2,306</u>	<u>\$2,306</u>	<u>\$2,306</u>
DEBT SERVICE				
Landfill Closure & Road Reconstruction Bond	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Interest	18,590	9,425	9,425	9,425
Interest Tax Anticipation	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	<u>\$148,590</u>	<u>\$189,425</u>	<u>\$189,425</u>	<u>\$189,425</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
FD Helmets	652	795	795	795
FD Air Packs	11,421	0	0	0
FD Firefighter Nomex Hoods	0	650	650	65
FD Engine 4 Body Work	10,000	0	0	0
FD Adapters & Fittings	2,172	0	0	0
FD Motorola Pages	2,964	2,760	2,760	2,760
FD Astra Jackets	0	7,980	4,000	5,95
FD Firefighter's Gloves	522	0	0	
FD Fire Hose	5,269	5,580	5,580	5,580
FD Nozzles	2,441	3,545	3,545	3,54
PD Police Cruisers	44,209	52,600	52,600	52,60
FD Wheat Spot Lights	0	756	756	756
FD SCBA Units	0	17,736	8,868	8,86
WFD Fire Engine	1,000	0	0	0
WFD Hurst Tool Accessories	0	800	800	800
FD Firebreak Boots	540	532	532	532
FD MT-1000 Portable Radio's	0	7,500	4,500	4,500

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FD Motorola Radios	6,597	5,600	5,600	5,600
HD 10 Foot Sander	9,362	0	0	0
WFD Survivor Packs	2,200	1,800	0	1,800
HD 2 Eleven Foot Plows	0	14,500	14,500	14,500
HD John Deere Grader	116,544	0	0	0
HD Radio Equipment	0	1,300	1,300	1,300
ER T/C Document Restoration	2,134	2,000	2,000	2,000
PD Office Furnishings	4,892	0	0	0
PD & FD Emergency Generator	15,227	0	0	0
PD Radio Equipment	2,751	0	0	0
PD Radar Equipment	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
PD Computer Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
HD 97 Int 4900 Truck & P/Frame	0	58,300	58,300	58,300
HD 10' Sand Spreader	0	9,800	9,800	9,800
BI Computer	0	2,000	0	0
PLBD NH Speed search Services	754	0	0	0
PLBD Surge Protector	219	0	0	0
TC Equipment	1,252	5,542	0	0
FA Tax Equipment	1,824	1,153	550	550
Assessing Software	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
LB Library Equipment	0	1,900	0	0
TH Furnishings	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$246,445	\$226,629	\$198,936	\$202,686
CO IMPROVEMENTS BUILDINGS				
CO Renovations Town Hall	40,000	25,000	25,000	35,000
CO Legion & Bandstand Improvement	3,600	0	0	0
CO Belmont Mill Disposition	48,000	0	0	0
CO Spec Meet Renovations MILL95,317	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CO IMPROVEMENT BLDS	\$186,917	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$35,000
CO IMPROVEMENT NON-BLDS				
CO FD Dry Hydrant Maintenance	174	1,700	1,700	1,700
CO Cemetery Maintenance	0	3,000	2,000	2,000
CO Wage & Salary Study	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL CO IMPROVEMENT NON-BUILDINGS	\$3,174	\$6,700	\$5,700	\$5,700
CO PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES				
CO Street Light Union Rd & RT3	258	0	0	0
TOTAL CO PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES	\$258	\$0	\$0	\$0

ARTICLE #15 To see if the Town of Belmont will vote to discontinue a portion of old route 106, previously a class 4 highway, in accordance with RSA 231:43, subject to the continuation of any existing utility easements under the provisions of RSA 231:46, as more particularly described and depicted on a Boundary Plan of Land for Thomas E. Marks, Belmont, N.H., dated June 3, 1996, by Yerkes Surveying Consultants, recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds, Plan 95, Draw L-26.(SUBMITTED BY PETITION.)

ARTICLE #16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to support the Winnepesaukee Skating Club, a non-profit organization, in its efforts to construct an ice arena in Laconia to provide recreational opportunities for Lakes Region families, with said appropriation authorized pursuant to RSA 31:4. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.)

ARTICLE #17 Are you in favor of placing a question on the 1998 warrant, the approval of which, would increase the number of selectmen in the Town from three(3) to five(5).
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE #18 Are you in favor of placing a question on the 1998 warrant, the approval of which, would result in the adoption of the Selectmen/Town Manager form of government versus the current Selectmen/ Town Administrator form of government.
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Given under our hands and seal this the 24th day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Donna J. Cilley, Chairman
Robert F. Normandin
David W. Mika
Board of Selectmen

A True Copy of Warrant-Attest
Donna J. Cilley
Robert F. Normandin
David W. Mika
Board of Selectmen

We hereby certify that on the 24th day of February, 1997, we posted an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named and posted a like copy at the Belmont Town Hall, the Belmont Post Office and Sarge's Store, all being public Places in said Town, on the 24th day of February, 1997.

Donna J. Cilley, Chairman
Robert F. Normandin
David W. Mika
Board of Selectmen

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL
STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Belmont

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Belmont as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995, and have issued our report thereon dated April 3, 1996. In our report, our opinion was qualified because of a departure from generally accepted accounting principles for the omission of the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Belmont is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Belmont for the year ended December 31, 1995, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management, the Board and state and federal regulatory bodies. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire

June 17, 1996

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN ADVISORY BOARD

The Winnepesaukee River Basin Project had little activity as far as the Advisory Board was concerned this year. The Franklin Regional Treatment Plant, which processes Belmont's sewage, has gone through some upgrades this year, and is considering further upgrades in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Fournier
Belmont Representative

CIVIC PROFILE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Civic Profile Steering Committee is pleased with the progress made by our many volunteers during the year. The Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month from September through June, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Lower Level of the Belmont Public Library. We invite you to participate in any way you wish.

This years most visible accomplishments have been as follows:

The "BELMONT BETTER TIMES" published by the Communications Committee, Coordinator Steve Jesseman, his committee and reporters, contributors, printers, advertisers, students, collators, Senior Citizen page folders, businesses, town and school employees, and other supporters who have our heartiest thanks.

NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT in town and improvements planned for the downtown area reflect concerns for enlarging the tax base, and providing jobs. They indicate a greater awareness of the dependency of desirable development on town features, services, and planning. The Economic Development Coordinator, John Thomas welcomes anyone with this interest to work with those involved.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM, the cleaning up of State Route 106 roadside's for two miles from the Gilmanton line north to the intersection of State Route 140. We were soon joined by other organizations in our efforts.

BELMONT ROTARY CLUB which had adopted State Route 106 from the intersection west to the Tilton town line. Many have assisted with our clean-up efforts such as the Boy Scouts, 4-H members, Belmont High School Environmental Club, organization members, and friends.

WELCOME TO BELMONT SIGNS. Another joint effort, spearheaded by the Board of Selectmen, assisted by the Beautification Committee, and other interested individuals. Both the Adopt-A-Highway and the Welcome to Belmont Sign projects were goals surfaced by the January 1995 Community Profile two day workshop. These projects were chosen by the Image, Pride, and Values Action Step Committee (IPV), coordinated by William Jacques and Kenneth Knowlton. IPV reflects the feeling that the Town of Belmont is a great place to live, with residents who have an exceptional spirit of volunteerism. Improving the Town of Belmont's image is dependent upon many people working together, striving for a goal.

LEADERSHIP, coordinated by Joshua Mazzei, dedicated to promoting leadership, recognition, and who encourages familiarity with Town Government. Thanks to the Board of Selectmen and others who have continued to keep all Town Government meeting minutes posted in the Town Hall.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, coordinated by Robert Atherton, and Robin Cannon who continue to publicize opportunities for the community to participate in town activities.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES & EDUCATION, coordinated by Vicki Donovan and Kenneth Ellis have focused on its goal of seeking resources, and encouraging recreational opportunities for local young people. Civic Profile is an on-going process involving people within the community who identify the "good" things needing to be continued, recognizing areas needing additional work, to develop and accomplish a shared vision for the Town's future. The goals are developed, and revised by public input. This is supported by the Board of Selectmen, the voters at Town Meeting, UNH Cooperative Extension presently represented by Sally Plyler, and the Youth Development Agent from the Belknap County Extensions Office.

YOUR PARTICIPATION CAN MAKE BELMONT WHAT YOU WANT IT TO BE!

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Sweeney and Sue Roberts
Co-Chairmen of the Civic Profile Steering Committee

BELMONT OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Belmont Old Home Day 1996 was held on August 10th, and was proclaimed one of the best in recent history! There were crowds of people, and happy children who came out to enjoy the festivities. The 1996 Belmont Old Home Day themes included Belmont's Civic Pride, and the Town to be Proud of. Tributes were paid to the leadership of the Selectmen, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Elected Officials, the support received from Town and Civic Profile Committee's, and other dedicated volunteers that serve for the betterment of our community.

The morning's itinerary kicked off with a pancake breakfast, the 28th Annual 10 mile Road Race, and the 8th Annual Tioga Fun Run. Followed by a horseshoe competition, children's games and races, and an old fashioned street fair consisting of arts, crafts, and plenty of good food to eat.

After lunch throngs of people congregated to the Main Street for the parade, which proved to be one of the highlights of the day. Doralyn Harper was this years Parade Marshall. Mrs. Harper was honored for being faithful, and dedicated for giving more than 21 years of public service to the Town of Belmont. Mrs. Harper was also honored for her many volunteer hours over the years as a School Board Member, and an advocate for many students throughout the Belmont Schools. This ceremony was followed by the Parade Awards, the Belmont High School Stage Band Concert, and a bench press and squat competition.

Evening activities commenced with a chicken barbecue at the Belmont Fire Station. Afterward, the evening speaker, Doralyn Harper spoke to the large numbers of people in attendance at the Band Stand. This was followed by a street dance, and a concert featured by Equinox. Concluding the days activities was a marvelous display of fireworks at Bryant Field, put on by Linda and Pete Poiré. The Committee heard many comments from people attending stating they were the best they had seen.

The Belmont Old Home Day Committee would like to thank many individuals for their support. Chairman, Lincoln Noel for his long hours, and commitment to this annual event. Vice Chairman, Diane Peterson for her dedication, and proficiency on the Ad Booklet. Sue Roberts who not only manages the finances of the association, but expertly manages to keep everyone and everything on track. All the volunteers that work so hard each year to make this day a huge success. Special thanks to the Belmont Police Department for their expertise with traffic, and crowd control. The Belmont Fire Department for assistance with the road race events. First Deposit National Bank for their support. All other contributors, and advertisers of the Belmont Old Home Day booklet. Last but not least, thanks to the citizens of the Town of Belmont for its financial support, the voters who distributed a portion of the Sargent Fund to this committee, and to all of you for making 1996 a very successful Old Home Day!

If you missed the 1996 event, we hope you won't miss next years! It promises to be as good, if not better! Mark your calender now, for the second Saturday in August (8/9/97), and plan to join in on the fun! The Belmont Old Home Day Committee would like to extend an invitation to all who are interested in volunteering a little of their time making this a worthwhile event, and a rousing success. Remember, Belmont Old Home Day is what YOU make it!

Pat Crockett, Clerk
Belmont Old Home Day Committee

FINAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

In 1995, concerned Belmont citizens participated in a process which was designed to allow participants to conduct an evaluation of their community and identify methods and programs to improve the community's quality of life. One of the goals resulting from the completion of the Civic Profile was to study the current form of town government, how it operates and whether a different form would be more responsive to its citizens.

As a result, voters at the 1996 Annual Meeting established the Government Study Committee. The Committee was charged with identifying the various forms of local government available under New Hampshire law, soliciting input from residents regarding the advantages and disadvantages of our current government structure and recommending any changes the Committee believed would benefit the community.

The Committee commenced its proceedings in May and met on nine different occasions. In addition to reviewing material on new Hampshire local government and sample town charters adopted by other New Hampshire municipalities, the Committee met with current and former town officials, employees and citizens for input and recommendations. The following is a synopsis of the Committee's investigations and recommendations.

OPTIONS:

New Hampshire law provides for two separate processes when municipalities determine their form of local government. One process involves the establishment of a charter commission, whose members would be elected at Town Meeting. Once elected, charter members are required by state statute to receive public input and develop recommendations for consideration at the next Town Meeting.

Towns which utilize this process can recommend the adoption of a Town Council form of government. The Town Council would operate with a Town Manager, Mayor or both officials. Town Meeting's role in the process would be reduced to a) acting upon budgetary matters only (leaving other issues such as ordinance adoption up to the Council); b) Representative Town Meeting, whereby town voters would elect a certain number of representatives who would be responsible for voting on matters at Town Meeting; or c) eliminating Town Meeting entirely, with all duties to be handled by a Town Council.

There are certain changes to our town government which can be accomplished without the need to establish a charter commission. Among them are the adoption of the town manager plan, the adoption of the Municipal Budget Act (which the Town has already adopted) and the expansion of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. These initiatives would not impact the current legislative authority enjoyed by residents who participate in the Town Meeting process. The Committee also reserved the option of recommending no changes to Belmont's government.

PROCESS:

The Committee began its deliberations by absorbing as much information as possible concerning the structure of New Hampshire local government. Among the materials reviewed were sections of the Town Officials Handbook published by the New Hampshire Municipal Association, various municipal charters now in operation in New Hampshire, and applicable state statutes.

The Committee received input from current and former town officials, employees and citizens during four of its sessions. Several recurring themes were identified during this process:

SELECTMEN

- Critical to the success of town government is the need to educate Selectmen of their responsibilities, and encourage civic-minded residents to file for the office of Selectmen.
- Some candidates who do file for the office of Selectmen do run on issues important to them and not the town as a whole.
- The Town has had good Selectmen in the past who would work for the good of the entire Town, but did not run for re-election due to unwarranted criticism and verbal abuse.
- Some residents observe the personal abuse directed at Selectmen and are discouraged from seeking elective office.
- Some Selectmen try to micro-manage the Town's departments.

SIZE OF BOARD/NUMBER OF SELECTMEN

The Committee also received various comments and viewpoints regarding the appropriate number of selectmen in Belmont. Among the comments:

- Five selectmen would be a workable number if quality candidates could be found to run for all five positions.
- Five selectmen would present an opportunity for broader representation in the community.
- Five selectmen would ease the load on any individual.
- Three selectmen should be entirely adequate since the duty of the selectmen is to make policy not supervise the operation of the departments.
- Getting three selectmen is difficult, getting five would be more difficult or impossible.
- Three selectmen is an adequate number for dealing with the day-to-day problems.

ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGER

- A competent administrator/manager is essential to the proper operation of town government.
- The wrong person in the position becomes a serious liability.
- The complexity of town government requires the hiring of a topnotch manager.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon public input and its studies, the Belmont Government Study Committee proposes several changes be approved by the Town for Belmont's government.

Before addressing their recommendations, a word about Town Meeting. The Town Meeting allows all registered voters to voice their opinions on the direction, size and budget of town government. Every individual who spoke about recommended changes to the form of government stood firm that Town Meeting must continue. As a result, the Committee states unequivocally Town Meeting must continue and no change in government which would alter that fact is recommended.

Governing Belmont is becoming increasingly complex. The Town's day to day operations require management by a professional. Also, Selectmen can alter the Administrator's duties as the composition of the Board of Selectmen changes from election to election.

Wherein one year Selectmen may delegate a large degree of duties to the Administrator, and another, they may reduce those duties to a point where Selectmen are actually administering the Town personally. As a result, town officials serve three different employers with inconsistent goals and intentions, all in a way which only reduces the effectiveness of town operations.

To enhance Belmont government output, the Committee recommends adoption of the Town Manager Plan as authorized by RSA 37. This will provide Belmont with a professional Manager free from political interference whose duties are clearly defined by state statute.

The Town manager can focus on and be responsible for administrative matters, leaving the Selectmen the more broader duties of their office focusing upon making policy. The chart below identifies the functional differences between an administrator's and manager's responsibility.

TASK	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	TOWN MANAGER
Execute Town Meeting Warrant	Board of Selectmen	Board of Selectmen
Establish Bylaws and Policies	Board of Selectmen	Board of Selectmen
Borrow Money	Board of Selectmen/ Town Meeting	Board of Selectmen/ Town Meeting
Assess Taxes	Board of Selectmen	Board of Selectmen
Laying Out Highways	Board of Selectmen	Board of Selectmen
Granting Licenses	Board of Selectmen	Board of Selectmen
Define Job Responsibilities	Board of Selectmen	State Law
Reorganize Departments	Board of Selectmen*	Town Manager
Appoint & Remove Employees	Board of Selectmen*	Town Manager
Submit monthly reports to Selectmen	Selectmen may require and designate employee to complete task	Town Manager required by law to do so
Budget Submission	Board of Selectmen*	Town Manager
Examine operations and perform employee evaluations	Board of Selectmen*	Town Manager
Direct supervision of all municipal departments	Board of Selectmen*	Town Manager

* - Indicates responsibilities which Selectmen may assign to Town Administrator or other subordinate employee, and change and/or amend at any time.

Clearly the right individual must be hired for the duties of Town Manager. This person will possess much authority and control over all town operations. Qualified individuals can be located and hired either through a local or national search. (It is important to note that the Committee's findings and recommendations in no way reflect upon the performance of the current Administrator or Selectmen. The Committee was charged with making recommendations about Belmont's government. It did not delve into the personal performance of any individual elected, appointed or otherwise.)

The Committee further recommends that the number of selectmen in Belmont be increased to five. Although the Committee received conflicting opinions on this issue, it is the Committee's recommendation that increasing the number of selectmen to five would ease the burden on the current three person board, thus encouraging more citizens to serve the community and garner broader representation. In addition, a

five-member board would allow the selectmen to execute their duties with more balance should any single member advance a position that does not take into consideration the good of the town as a whole. The success of this recommendation is dependent upon the electorate educating itself of a selectman's duties and responsibilities.

The Committee recommends this report be circulated throughout the community to generate a discussion regarding its contents. The report shall be published in the Belmont Better Times and the 1996 Annual Report. The Selectmen have agreed to place this issue on the 1997 Town Meeting warrant as a discussion item during the Saturday deliberative session. After receiving input from town residents, the Committee may propose formal consideration of these recommendations by placing them on the 1998 Town Meeting Warrant.

The increase in the number of selectmen is acted upon by the voters on the official ballot at Town Meeting after a petition is submitted to the selectmen. The petition must contain the signatures of at least two percent of the registered voters in the community. The question shall be stated as follows:

"Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to five members?"

The adoption of the town manager plan also must be placed on the official ballot. The issue may be placed on the ballot either by the Selectmen or by petition of at least 25 registered voters. The question shall be stated as follows:

"Do you favor adoption of the town manager plan as provided in Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated?"

In conclusion, the Committee believes that an increase in the number of Selectmen to five, adoption of the town manager plan, and a greater community involvement in town government will better position Belmont to serve its citizens needs as we enter the twenty-first century. The Committee encourages additional public comment and stands ready to further discuss its recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Nix, Chairman
Dave Caron, Vice-Chair
Bob Atherton, Secretary
Rich Casarano
Ken DeHart
Vicki Donovan
Cheryl Ellis
Jim Pilliod
Sandy St. Lawrence

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT -- 1997

Auto Registrations (8,997 up from 8,122)	\$579,793.50
Municipal Agent Fees (6,673 up from 6,251)	16,682.00
Dog Licenses - Inc. Kennels (883 up from 719)	6,829.50
Recordings and Discharges	4,802.28
Marriage Licenses (64 up from 49)	2,880.00
Copies	883.19
Filing Fees	15.00
Title Application Fees (CTA)	2,838.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	1,108.00
Total Remitted to Treasurer	<u>\$615,831.47</u>

I hereby certify that the above Town Clerk's Report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk

TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS - 1996

DEBITS	1995	1994 & P/Y
Unredeemed Accounts 01/01/96		\$663,826.44
Interest Due		1,503.43
Overpayment Refunds		1,282.27
Liens Executed on 04/12/96	773,761.19	
Interest Charged	28,388.46	115,103.26
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$802,149.65</u>	<u>\$781,715.40</u>
CREDITS		
Redemptions	\$395,597.96	\$443,174.44
Interest Collected	28,319.36	114,736.71
Abatements		10,198.26
Deeded to Town	639.58	919.86
Interest Due 12/31/96	69.10	1,869.98
Unredeemed Liens on 12/31/96	377,523.65	210,816.15
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$802,149.65</u>	<u>\$781,715.40</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS - 1996

	1996	1995	P/Y
DEBITS			
UNCOLLECTED 01/01/96:			
Property		1,375,475.94	
Yield Tax		1,061.18	
Credit Memos		(25.50)	
Interest Due		1.75	
COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:			
Property	\$8,241,920.43		
Current Use	3,329.76		
Yield Tax	3,895.05		
Boat Taxes	20,530.74		
OVERPAYMENTS:			
Property	13,442.02	41,242.91	3,067.97
INTEREST CHARGED	13,018.41	87,139.48	
CREDIT MEMOS	9,162.82		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$8,305,299.23	\$1,504,895.76	\$3,067.97
CREDITS			
REMITTED TO TREASURER:			
Property	\$7,141,143.86	\$636,630.51	
Current Use	1,759.95		
Yield Taxes	2,486.30	1,011.79	
Boat	20,530.74		
Interest Collected	12,905.46	32,222.45	
ACCOUNTS TO LIEN:			
Property		718,794.77	
Yield Tax		49.39	
Interest and Costs		54,917.03	
ABATEMENTS:			
Property	16,132.79	61,268.07	3,067.97
Deeded to Town	237.27		
UNCOLLECTED 12/31/96:			
Property	1,107,011.35		
Current Use	1,569.81		
Yield Taxes	1,408.75		
Interest Due	112.95		
Excess Debits			1.75
TOTAL CREDITS	\$8,305,299.23	\$1,504,895.76	\$3,067.97

1996 TAX RATES

Town Appropriations	\$4,803,433
Less: Town Revenues	3,673,415
Less: Shared Revenues	31,879
Add: Overlay	150,002
Add: War Service Credits	52,100
Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxes	\$1,300,241
Net School Assessment	\$6,500,101
Less: Shared Revenues	94,969
Amount to be Raised for Schools	\$6,405,132
Net County Assessment	\$525,414
Less: Shared Revenues	6,536
Amount to be Raised for County	\$518,878
Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$8,224,251
Less: War Service Credits	52,100
Add: Sunray Shores Water District Taxes	0
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT	\$8,172,251

TAX RATE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION:
\$32.95 PER \$1,000.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION.

Tax Rate Breakdown:

Municipal Rate	\$5.21
School Rate	\$25.66
County Rate	\$2.08
	\$32.95

BIRTHS IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT - YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
JAN 5	Lebanon, NH	Caleb James Bouchard	James Bouchard	Norma Jean Blake
6	Laconia, NH	Courtney Anne Pelleiter	Kirk Leo Pelleiter	Kimberly Anne Matilia
11	Laconia, NH	Kristopher Malcolm Newton	Jason Matthew Newton	Shannon Marie Withey
17	Franklin, NH	Shania Alicia Mulley	Robert Wayne Mulley	Rebecca Jean Hammond
18	Laconia, NH	Justin Alexander Huckins	Daniel Lyndon Huckins	Andrea Marie Colpritt
FEB 10	Laconia, NH	Calvin Theodore Davis	Job Andrew Davis	Carol Ann Daniels
16	Laconia, NH	Andrew Wingate Mozier	Richard Wingate Mozier, Jr.	Tammi Lee Castor
21	Laconia, NH	Philip Charles White	James Anderson White	Wanda Lee Woodbury
MAR 3	Laconia, NH	Bridget Katelyn Annis	Billy Joe Annis	Danamarie Tursi
18	Laconia, NH	Michael Chad Oliver	James Marshall Oliver	Paula Lynn Corbett
28	Laconia, NH	Michael Knight Sanborn	Donald Knight Sanborn	Michelle Kay Roberts
APR 13	Laconia, NH	Travis Anthony Akerstrom	Mark Anthony Akerstrom	Sharon May Hulse
14	Laconia, NH	Sandra Ellen Ferris	Robert Charles Ferris, Jr.	Penny Elise Smith
24	Laconia, NH	Rachel Anna Blandford	Paul Joseph Pickowicz	Carcy Edna Fay
30	Laconia, NH	Colby John Pickowicz	Charles Roberts	Carol Ann Whelpley
MAY 4	Franklin, NH	Clark Edson Roberts	Robert Andrew Veloski	Marcia Beth Alderink
4	Laconia, NH	Jonathan Bernard Veloski	Robert Andrew Veloski	Kathy Ellen Trombley
8	Laconia, NH	Jennifer Frances Veloski	Robert Andrew Veloski	Tammy Lynn Caldwell
13	Laconia, NH	Megan Lynn Hammond	David John Hammond	Trudy Lee Poire
29	Laconia, NH	Kelsey Stasia Brown	Daniel David Brown	Kassandra Wyatt
JUN 1	Laconia, NH	Jake Everett Nichols, Jr.	Jake Everett Nichols, Sr.	Wendy Marie Bordeau
10	Laconia, NH	Trevor Matthew Romagnoli	Gary Mark Romagnoli	Colleen Susan Ryder
21	Laconia, NH	Patrick Thomas Akerman	Michael Scranion Akerman	Lisa Marie Clairmont
24	Laconia, NH	Curtis Paul McLelland	Donald Paul McLelland, Jr.	Tricia Jean Labreck
JUL 5	Laconia, NH	Victoria Amber Carr	Stephen Paul Carr	Lou Ann Cleveland
8	Laconia, NH	Jonathan Ryder Grant	Greg Alden Grant	Gerri Lynn Porter
8	Laconia, NH	Abigail Lynn Ainsworth	Gregory Scott Ainsworth	Gerni Lynn Porter
20	Concord, NH	Benjamin Charles Ainsworth	Gregory Scott Ainsworth	Jacqueline Ann Christi
23	Laconia, NH	Jacob Timothy Nelson	Timothy James Nelson	Rebecca Inogene Cornell
28	Laconia, NH	Emily Darlene Barden	Paul Henry Barden	Tammy Lynn Gannon
31	Laconia, NH	Danielle Lynn Cole	Derek Armand Cole	Joanne Susan Langley
AUG 13	Laconia, NH	Rachel Andrea Chase	Gary Lee Chase	Chonghui Kim
14	Laconia, NH	Nicole Kim Philbrick	Raymond Albert Philbrick	Jennifer Lynn Evlieth
16	Laconia, NH	Ryan Joseph Despres	Robert Francis Despres	Danielle Lynn Jacobs
16	Laconia, NH	Cheyenne Marie Bearden	Ellis Jesse Bearden	Ginger Michelle Pence
27	Laconia, NH	Tyler Jonathan Dempsey	Daniel Louis Dempsey III	Elizabeth Sarah Shuten
30	Concord, NH	Hannah Gabrielle Frechhof	Jeffrey Martin Frechhof	Jane Elizabeth Belmont
31	Laconia, NH	Jacob Calvin Hubbard	Jay Bradford Hubbard	Leann Marie Luiteer
SEP 5	Laconia, NH	Asher Curtis Clark	Daniel Ward Clark	Susan Jean Baglow
9	Concord, NH	Kiersten Avery Klose	Philip Clinton Klose	Sherry Lee Bickford
	Laconia, NH	Kylie O'Connell	Daniel Files O'Connell	

BIRTHS IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT - YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
SEP 14				
16	Laconia, NH	Anthony George Smith	Michael Thomas Smith	Amy Marie Borelli
18	Laconia, NH	Tyler Charles Joseph Chekas	George John Chekas	Amy Peterson
24	Laconia, NH	Tyler Betourne Rolfe	David Anthony Rolfe	Kelly Anne Betourne
OCT 1	Laconia, NH	Robert Austin Smock	James Paul Smock	Stacie Lynn Miskell
6	Laconia, NH	Matthew David Stanley	Paul Scot Stanley	Kecia Dawn Cottle
6	Norwich, CT	Amy Elaine Allard	Joseph Raymond Allard	Beth Arlene Stockwell
11	Laconia, NH	Jerek David Lewis	Clyde Albert Lewis, Jr.	Angela Beth Stroud
13	Laconia, NH	Hayley Alison Desousa	Wesley James Desousa	Wendy Sue Brown
18	Laconia, NH	Kendra Noel Danby	Scott Raymond Danby	Holly Beth Keyser
NOV 2	Concord, NH	Kevin Scott Hilliard	Robert Scott Hilliard	Kathy Fralic
DEC 3	Laconia, NH	Cameron Nikolas Ekholm	Carl Edwin Ekholm	Lisa Ann Garnett
5	Laconia, NH	Alexa Hamilton Robbins	Gregory John Robbins	Jane Maria Hamilton
9	Laconia, NH	Brett Michael Mele	Brian Guy Mele	Susan Irene Webber
16	Concord, NH	Melody Rose Montembeault	Peter James Montembeault	Bernice Ann Harrison
19	Concord, NH	Bailey Forsyth McIntire	James Patrick McIntire	Anastasia Forsyth
26	Laconia, NH	Cassandra May Contigiani	Philip John Contigiani	Michelle Lynn Sotlak
	Laconia, NH	Nikolai John Fernandez	Eduardo Ramon Fernandez	Sharon Mae Sluski

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DATE	NAME OF BRIDE & GROOM	AGE	RESIDENCE	WHERE MARRIED
JAN 5	John Dominic Acorace	55	Belmont, NH	Manchester, NH
20	Linda May Durette	55	Belmont, NH	
	Nikola Dimotrov Terziev	47	Manchester, NH	
27	Dona Jean Heath	49	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Robert Edward McCaulley	34	Belmont, NH	Sanbornion, NH
FEB 3	Stephanie Lynn St. Onge	24	Belmont, NH	
	Christopher Paul Fillion	29	Belmont, NH	Tilton, NH
10	Betty Jane Rose	36	Belmont, NH	
	Gerald R. Shute	42	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
14	Kathy A. Chamberlin	37	Belmont, NH	
	John Joseph Paradise	31	Belmont, NH	Negril, Jamaica
16	Cynthia Ann LaRoche	29	Belmont, NH	
	Ernest J. Waldron, Sr.	76	Barnstead, NH	Deerfield, NH
18	Florence S. Higgins	64	Belmont, NH	
	James Franklin Chubbuck	27	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
21	Heidi Lynn Davis	19	Belmont, NH	Tilton, NH
	William A. Myers, Jr.	55	Belmont, NH	
MAR 23	Janet Rogers Trumbo	49	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
	Thomas Elliot Taylor	34	Belmont, NH	
24	Suzanne Ross	30	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Mathew Walter Richards	23	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
APR 13	Doriann Keith	31	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Thomas James Desalvo	53	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
26	Kathleen Mary Lizotte	42	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Brian Guy Mele	32	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
27	Susan Irene Messer	28	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Daniel Lee Keniston	34	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
27	Dana Ann Hough	34	Belmont, NH	Hampton, NH
	Michael Francis Skerry	55	Tewksbury, MA	
MAY 1	Carol Ann Brady	39	Belmont, NH	
	Martin James Mullen	29	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
3	Lorna J. Cable	35	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	James B. Feehan, Jr.	40	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
18	Anna M. Casperson	43	Belmont, NH	Alexandria, NH
	Matthew William Porter	21	Belmont, NH	
26	Amy Suzanne Waits	19	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Henry March Walton	36	Belmont, NH	
JUN 9	Susan Raper	29	Belmont, NH	
	Jordan Earl Murphy	22	Hollis, NH	
	April Lynn Peters	20	Belmont, NH	Nashua, NH

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JUN 20	Alexander McKee Jack	40	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
27	Millicent Jennie Theberge	57	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
27	Joseph William Brooks	46	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Colleen Dawn Brooks	42	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Peter James Montembault	35	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
JUL 3	Bernice Ann Harrison	39	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Gregory L. Watson	42	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
4	Linda M. Tibbetts	37	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Philip Matthew Wardner	26	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Teri Ann Walker	33	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
5	Gary Lee Hawkins	46	Gilmanton, NH	Gilmanton, NH
	Terri Ann Vallant	43	Belmont, NH	Gilmanton, NH
6	Gavin Joseph McGowan	27	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
	Lisa Marie English	24	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
7	Robert Alexander Beauregard, Sr.	62	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Sherry Anne Leonard	50	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
11	Gary Lyn Berwick	42	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Anna Marie Kozak	34	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
13	Jonathan L. Ladd	37	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Kassandra Sylvia Dubois	29	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
20	Paul Stephen O'Connell	46	Belmont, NH	Lochmere, NH
	Caryn Louise Lawton	33	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
20	Clayton M. Shibles	61	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Charlotte L. Eastman	62	Fryeburg, ME	Belmont, NH
21	Steven Scott Page	37	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Susan Diane O'Brien	29	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
28	George W. Ladnay, Jr.	37	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Vanessa E. Flynn	28	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
30	Glenn Francis Gordon	32	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Tammy Betty Howland	18	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
AUG 17	Jameson Scott Lamprey	26	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
	Belhany Cady Wilham	23	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
18	John Marcus Evvard	43	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Jo-Anne Petrusa	55	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
24	John Paul Albert	31	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Linda R. Blackey	44	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
24	Richard Samuel Ricker	25	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Lisa G. Seiler	21	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
26	Anthony James Smith	24	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
	Karen Sue Jacques	25	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH

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DATE	NAME OF BRIDE & GROOM	AGE	RESIDENCE	WHERE MARRIED
SEPT 7	Bryan Blake Lane	21	Belmont, NH	Lakeport, NH
7	Patti Carol Manion	20	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
7	Todd Edwin Sanborn	26	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
14	Nanette Marie Gilbert	30	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
14	Howard Norton Smith	71	Pinellas Pk, FL	Belmont, NH
14	Ida Raggett Sansom	69	Pinellas Pk, FL	Gilford, NH
21	Jonathan Phillip Caddell	36	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
21	Ginine Marie Sandner	28	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
21	Dean Curtis Dutton	21	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
21	Amy Erin Spaulding	22	Nashua, NH	Laconia, NH
21	Cory Darrel Clark	24	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
OCT 4	Kelly Jeanne Demers	24	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
5	Roger Arthur Cote	43	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
5	Susan Marie Bickford	41	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
5	Gregory Bresse	43	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
5	Diane Malcolm	43	Franklin, NH	Meredith, NH
5	Rodney Mark Friend	26	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
6	Lora Jean Farrell	27	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
12	Stacey Ford Cassavaugh	31	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
12	Carrie Elaine Lamarche	28	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
19	Ernest Edmund Fortin	55	Belmont, NH	Tilton, NH
19	Susan Jean Gove	48	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
19	Matthew Richard Martel	31	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
25	Pamela Ann Martineau	29	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
25	John Patrick Lawton	34	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
25	Judy Lee Rossignol	31	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
26	Edward Theodore Farmer	47	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
26	Laurace Ann Balfe	40	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
31	Jeremy Scott Plourde	22	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
31	Rebecca Ann Hawthorne	23	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
31	Eugene Harry Cassavaugh	35	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
NOV 2	Kathy Spinelli Richards	46	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
9	John Peter Balet	26	Belmont, NH	Portsmouth, NH
9	Sandra Lynne Miller	28	Dover, NH	Belmont, NH
9	Joseph John Rotonnelli	24	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
9	Lori Anne Hackett	22	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
11	Peter Daniel Follansbee	24	Belmont, NH	Concord, NH
11	Heidi Marie Lowe	22	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
11	Daniel C. Laughey	31	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Cynthia Herrick Guyer	39	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN 1996

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE & GROOM	AGE	RESIDENCE	WHERE MARRIED
DEC 1	Kenneth Wayne Littlefield	35	Belmont, NH	Epsom, NH
2	Sandra Ann Lavoie	40	Belmont, NH	
	Carl Riza Smart	47	Belmont, NH	
13	Karen Elizabeth Sweeney	18	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH
	David Arthur Jackson	28	Belmont, NH	
15	Patrice Lyn Sawyer	28	Belmont, NH	Concord, NH
	Norman N. Lacasse	59	Belmont, NH	
16	Donna J. Weeks	44	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Adam Brian Foley	23	Belmont, NH	
	Maria Colleen Thornton	20	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT - YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>BIRTHPLACE</u>
JAN 8	Laconia, NH	Walter J. Keuenhoff, Sr.	71	M	Germany
16	Franklin, NH	Charles Edward Lyman	78	M	Laconia, NH
26	Laconia, NH	Ethel Mae Ellsworth	87	F	Gilmanton, NH
27	Concord, NH	Leighton Sheffield Haskell	45	M	Milwaukee, WI
30	Laconia, NH	Edward Harry Budroe, Sr.	66	M	Wolfeboro, NH
FEB 2	Belmont, NH	Olive Marion Davis	75	F	Everett, MA
9	Laconia, NH	Davis Maxime Bouchard	64	M	Stockholm, ME
9	Laconia, NH	Barbara Ann Cailler	55	F	Laconia, NH
13	Belmont, NH	Lucien Adrien Drouin	66	M	Providence, RI
17	Belmont, NH	Jacqueline Ann Davis	48	F	Laconia, NH
24	Belmont, NH	John Joseph Sykie	63	M	Westchester, PA
MAR 11	Laconia, NH	Doris Olive Cass	91	F	Canterbury, NH
13	Laconia, NH	Henry Joseph Labrecque	64	M	Laconia, NH
18	Belmont, NH	Pamela M. Morse	46	F	Malden, MA
22	Manchester, NH	Richard N. Erlandson	68	M	Malden, MA
APR 2	Belmont, NH	Robert Edward Joyce, Jr.	47	M	Franklin, NH
4	Laconia, NH	Nathan Robert King	55	M	Bellevue, FL
7	Laconia, NH	Varma Renfors Perrier	80	F	Enfield, NH
9	Tilton, NH	Lawrence Thomas Clairmont	79	M	Belmont, NH
10	Belmont, NH	Lewis Hartwell Batchelder, III	35	M	Laconia, NH
18	Belmont, NH	Robert William Deware, Jr.	67	M	Shelburne Falls, MA
19	Laconia, NH	Fred Lee Twombly	75	M	Exeter, NH
22	Laconia, NH	John Francis Cahoon	74	M	Boston, MA
24	Belmont, NH	Mary E. Fuller	97	F	Manchester, NH
24	Belmont, NH	Freda Alberta Miller	73	F	Laconia, NH
MAY 1	Belmont, NH	Ronald Bernard Morse	55	M	Laconia, NH
8	Laconia, NH	Bernard Hale Page	61	M	Caribou, ME
JUN 8	Laconia, NH	Ralph Barnwell Powers	66	M	Townsend, MA
10	Belmont, NH	Rene Francis Champagne	64	M	Pembroke, NH
17	Laconia, NH	William Reid O'Brien	73	M	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
27	Lebanon, NH	Gertrude Loretta Cyr	76	F	Concord, NH
JUL 6	Laconia, NH	Donald Richard Leroux	60	M	Goffstown, NH
7	Wolfeboro, NH	Richard Gary Graber	39	M	Philadelphia, PA
8	Belmont, NH	Beatrice Aurora Steiman	80	F	Worcester, MA
12	Lebanon, NH	Carolyn Hope LaChance	75	F	Palmer, MA
14	Manchester, NH	Joseph Albert Perry	78	M	Nottingham, NH
17	Belmont, NH	Leo Joseph Alger	80	M	Manchester, NH
JUL 25	Manchester, NH	Robert Joseph Dow	71	M	Laconia, NH
AUG 7	Laconia, NH	Joseph Earl Hollins	29	M	Laconia, NH
SEP 8	Laconia, NH	Marie B. King	85	F	Quebec, Canada
25	Laconia, NH	Rosemarie Elizabeth Watkins	55	F	Lawrence, MA
OCT 2	Winnisquam, NH	Roger Edward Huckins	74	M	Laconia, NH
6	Laconia, NH	Merilda Mary Leroux	88	F	Franklin, NH
7	Meredith, NH	Frederic G. Ericson	90	M	Concord, NH
10	Belmont, NH	Elsie U. Barker	92	F	Canada
11	Laconia, NH	Albert Adam Kolinski	75	M	Boston, MA
12	Belmont, NH	Jack Edward Narrow	78	M	Tupper Lake, NY
18	Laconia, NH	Ferne Eva Dolan	84	F	Ashland, NH
24	Laconia, NH	Thomas Francis Dolan, Jr.	81	M	Boston, MA
24	Laconia, NH	Robert Anne Hensley	48	M	Rockford, IL
NOV 8	Laconia, NH	William J. Kenney	82	M	Boston, MA
9	Belmont, NH	Gary Lyn Berwick	42	M	Laconia, NH
13	Belmont, NH	Alice Marie Colburn	73	F	Laconia, NH
17	Belmont, NH	Jonathan William Allan	27	M	Boston, MA
DEC 2	Laconia, NH	Lewis Warren Pinard	71	M	Wilmot, NH
26	Laconia, NH	James Warren Robertson	85	M	Stoughton, MA
26	Belmont, NH	Barbara Blanche Eaton	88	F	St. Johnsbury, VT

